

**NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE  
CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATIONS**

**ANIMAL TRAILS AND WALKWAYS**

**1. Scope**

The work shall consist of all construction operations and furnishing all materials as required by the construction plans and specifications for the complete installation of the work.

**2. General Specification**

The location of this practice shall be as shown on the construction plans or as staked in the field. Both ends of the trail/walkway, all control points, switchbacks, and drainage structures shall be located as planned.

The completed trail/walkway shall be free of all large rocks, logs or other obstructions hindering livestock movement.

**3. Variations**

All variations in construction from the approved design shall be authorized in writing by the appropriate Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) representative.

**4. Tolerances**

Constructed grades may be less than planned but shall not be steeper than planned, by more than three percent.

**5. Workmanship**

All construction work shall be completed in a workmanlike manner.

**6. Measurement**

In determining the length of the completed trail/walkway, only the sections of the trail/walkway that are constructed through barriers that livestock could not traverse (prior to the construction of the trail/walkway) shall be measured. The measurement of the completed trail/walkway may be done by either of the methods listed below:

Method 1—Measurement of the completed trail/walkway shall be by the nearest completed linear foot.

Method 2—Measurement of the completed trail/walkway shall be by the nearest ton of rock placed in the structure.

**7. Construction Details**