

ACCESS CONTROL

PRACTICE INTRODUCTION

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Access control is the temporary or permanent exclusion of animals, people or vehicles and/or equipment from an area.

PRACTICE INFORMATION

The purpose of Access Control is to protect, maintain, or improve the quantity and quality of the natural resources in an area. The purpose also includes aesthetic resources as well as human health and safety.

The practice is used in a conservation plan in areas where vegetation establishment or

maintenance is a concern. Protecting the vegetation is often essential to conserving the other natural resources.

The barriers constructed for Access Control must be adequate to prevent intrusion of the target animals, vehicles or people. The barriers are usually fences, but may also be natural and artificial structures such as logs, boulders, earth fill, gates, signs, etc.

Additional information including design criteria and specifications are in the local NRCS Field Office Technical Guide.

The following page identifies the conservation effects expected to occur when this practice is applied. These effects are subjective and somewhat dependent on variables such as climate, terrain, and soil. Users are cautioned that these effects are estimates that may or may not apply to a specific site.

Access Control Practice

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