

Access Control

The temporary or permanent exclusion of animals, people, vehicles, and/or equipment from an area. For a complete version of the national practice standard, see web site [HTTP://WWW.NRCS.USDA.GOV/TECHNICAL/EFOTG/](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/efotg/).

Purpose

Achieve and maintain desired resource conditions by monitoring and managing the intensity of use by animals, people, vehicles, and/or equipment in coordination with the application schedule of practices, measures and activities specified in the conservation plan.



Figure 1. Gates and fences can selectively control use of an area by people and vehicles.

Where Used

This practice applies on all land uses.

Conservation Management System

Use-regulating activities (e.g., posting of signs, patrolling, gates, fences, other barriers, and permitting) are integrated in the conservation management system to facilitate orderly and proper use (timing and intensity) of the area including mitigating associated resource concerns to acceptable levels during their installation, operation, and maintenance.



Figure 2. Poorly timed use of vehicles can accelerate sheet, rill, and concentrated flow erosion on access roads and trails.

Each activity or measure identifies the entity to be monitored and regulated animals, (people, pests, vehicles and equipment) and specifies the intent, intensity, amounts, and timing of use by that entity. Activities may involve temporary to permanent exclusion of one to all entities. Access Control may cover an entire ownership or planning unit consisting of multiple fields or conservation management units. For some activities, implementation may occur immediately, e.g., patrolling.



Figure 3. Unregulated use can result in safety and liability issues for the landowner.



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Conservation Practice Specifications/Job Sheet

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Client/Operating Unit:

Tract:

Farm No.:

Farm/Ranch Location:

Field No.:

Program:

Specifications Date:

Planned Installation Date:

Proposed Treatment Acres:

Installation shall be in accordance with the following specifications, drawings, and other requirements. NO CHANGES ARE TO BE MADE IN THE SPECIFICATIONS WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL BY AN AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE.

Specifications

1. Entity to be monitored and managed (mark all that apply):

Animals, People, Vehicles, Equipment, Other _____

Intent(s) of control and explanation of specific conditions that are at risk:

Specifications (continued)

2. Names of controlled-use activities (*posting of signs, patrolling, gates, fences and other barriers, permits*) and explanation of the intensity, amounts, and timing of use for entities marked in item 1 above, mitigating measures if their use influences other resource concerns, and monitoring requirements.

Name(s):

Explanation:

Practice Specifications Approval and Completion Certification

DESIGN AND INSTALLATION/LAYOUT APPROVAL:

I have job approval authority and certify this practice has been designed with specifications to meet the conservation practice standard and that the client has been advised of installation and layout elements:

NRCS Representative name and title (type or print):		
NRCS Representative Signature:		Date:

RECORD OF COMPLETION AND CHECK OUT CERTIFICATION:

Treated Acres:	Date Completed by Client:	Date Certified:	Approver's Initials:

I have job approval authority and certify this practice as applied meets NRCS Standards and Specifications:

NRCS Representative name and title (type or print):		
NRCS Representative Signature:		Date:
Notes:		

LANDOWNER/OPERATOR ACKNOWLEDGES:

- a. They have received a copy of the specifications and understand the contents including the scope and location of the practice.
- b. They have obtained all necessary permits and/or rights in advance of practice application, and will comply with all ordinances and laws pertaining to the application of this practice.
- c. No changes will be made in the installation of the job without prior concurrence of the NRCS.
- d. Maintenance of the installed work is necessary for proper performance during the life of the practice.
The practice life is _____.

I have reviewed all specifications and agree to install as specified:

Landowner/operator name and title (type or print):		
Landowner/operator Signature:		Date: