

#### Access Control

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

#### Purpose

The purpose of using access control is to achieve and maintain the desired resource conditions by monitoring and managing the intensity of use by animals, people, vehicles, and/or equipment in coordination with the application of other scheduled 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. Electrified fences exclude livestock from adjoining pastures to allow recovery in a rotational grazing system.



2. Names of controlled-use activities (*posting of signs, patrolling, gates, fences and other barriers, or 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:

3. Describe placement, location, dimensions and materials (for signs, structures, etc.), and frequency of use (e.g., continuous, specific season, specific dates) for each activity:

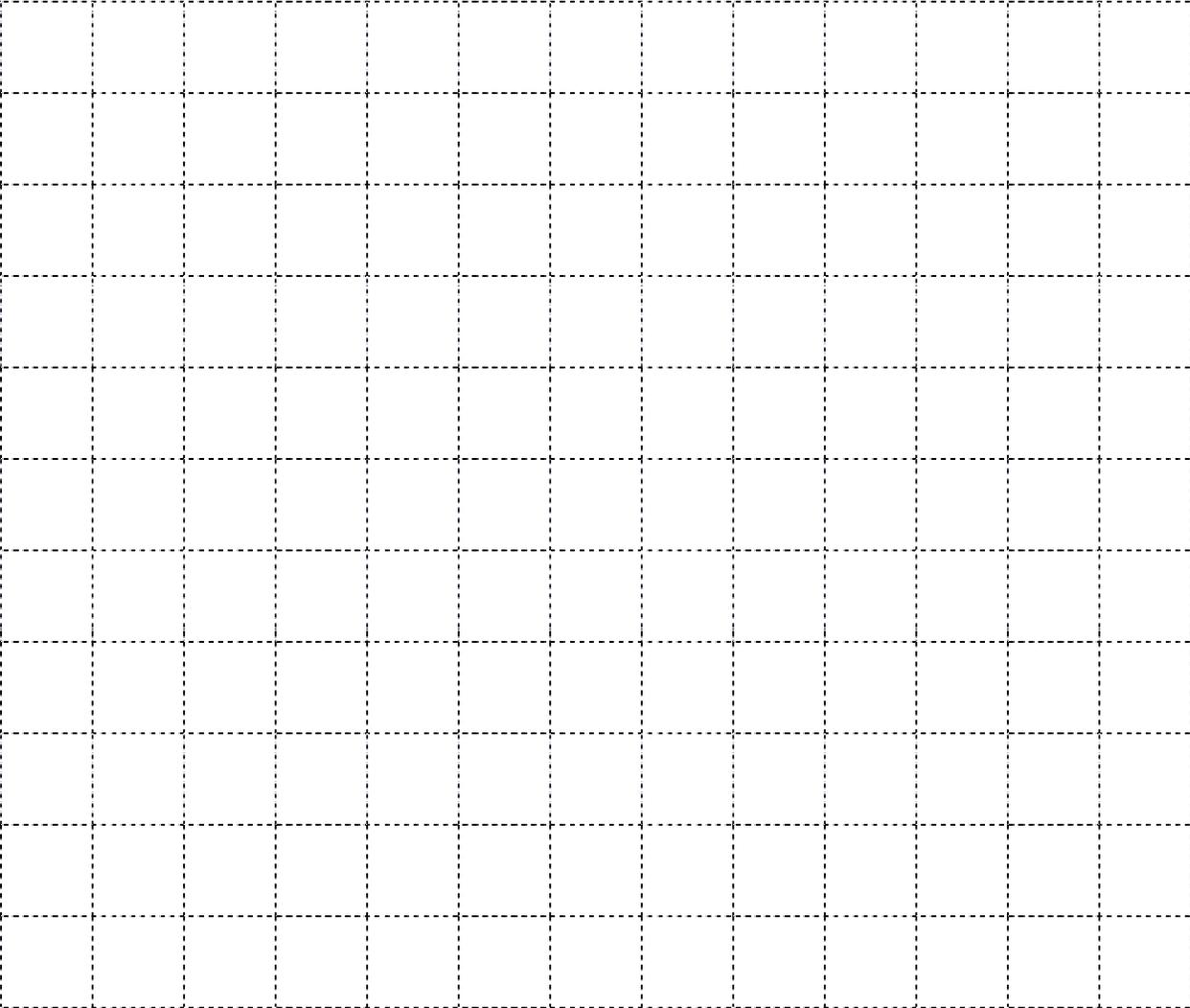
4. List the supporting or complementary NRCS Conservation Practice Standards that will be used in association with this practice:

**Specifications (continued)**

5. Soils, site factors, and timing of application must be suitable for any ground-based equipment that may be utilized for installing the named activities to avoid erosion and sedimentation. For safety purposes and to protect site resources, treatment methods involving equipment are generally not applied on slopes exceeding 35 percent.
  
6. List emergency preparedness agency information (optional), e.g., local fire/wildfire control agency and pumper truck water sources on or near the area:
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
7. Outline the management plan and/or activity for the fenced-out area(s).
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
8. Other requirements:
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
9. All actions associated with applying activities and measures under this practice shall be monitored periodically, maintained, and comply with federal, state, tribal and local laws and regulations. It is the landowner's responsibility to obtain appropriate permits and/or applications prior to commencing an activity.

**Layout Sketch and Drawing**  
(Provide sketch, drawings, maps, and/or aerial photos.)

Scale 1"= \_\_\_\_\_ ft. (NA indicates sketch not to scale: grid size=1/2" by 1/2")



**References:**

- eFOTG, <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/efotg/>

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## 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:

### 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:

### 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 has been applied and meets design specifications:

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