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Farm: _____ Tract: _____ Date: _____



Access road.

DEFINITION

A travel-way for equipment and vehicles constructed as part of a conservation plan.

PURPOSE

To provide a safe, fixed route of travel for moving livestock, equipment, products and supplies. The roads also provide access to farms, ranches, specific fields, woodlands, recreation areas and various kinds of structures.

CRITERIA

1. It shall be the responsibility of the landowner/operator to obtain all necessary permits and/or rights, and to comply with all Federal, state, and local

laws pertaining to this installation. The landowner/operator is responsible for locating any buried utilities (water lines, electric lines, telephone lines, gas lines, sewer lines, etc.) in the work area. NRCS makes no representation of the existence or nonexistence of utilities.

2. Access roads are designed to serve a specific purpose(s) and accommodate a specific type(s) of vehicle, or equipment, speeds, loads, soil, climatic, and other conditions which vehicles are expected to operate.
3. Visual resources and environmental values shall be considered in planning and designing the road or system of roads.
4. Access roads range from seldom used trails constructed for fire protection to all-weather roads used by the public and built to very high standards.

PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS

Detailed instructions, specification, material lists, design, etc. for the establishment of this practice is attached or will be provided _____ . If cost-sharing is being provided for this practice, do not begin construction without NRCS or SWCD approval. Staking or flagging the area may be necessary. Contact NRCS or SWCD prior to starting construction.

Landowner: _____ Field Number: _____

Plant Materials information for Access Road (if applicable). Not applicable.

Species	Permanent (P) or Temporary (T)	Seed (PLS) lbs./ac. or lbs./1000 sq. ft.	Mulch lbs./ac. or lbs./sq. ft.	Planting Dates

- A. Fertilizer and Lime
 - a. Fertilize and Lime according to current soil tests.
- B. Site Preparation
 - a. Site preparation (including removal of rocks, stumps and other obstructions) shall be the minimum necessary to ensure close contact of seeds or sprigs with the soil and to ensure safe and efficient operation of equipment.
 - b. Herbicide may be used to control competing growth, but it is still critical to keep competing vegetation height to a minimum.
 - c. Where conventional tillage seedbed preparation is necessary, prepare the seedbed across the dominant slope.
 - d. The conventionally prepared seedbed should be firm enough to permit seed placement at the desired depth and protect against erosion. A firm seedbed should hardly reveal adult footprints. This will allow for placement of the seeds at a depth of ¼ to ¾ of an inch into the soil.

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

This practice will require periodic maintenance and may also require operational items to maintain satisfactory performance. Your operation and maintenance program requirements include (check if applicable):

- Inspect culverts, roadside ditches, water bars, and outlets after each major runoff event. Repair and/or restore flow capacity as needed.
- Maintain vegetated areas in adequate cover. Re-seed and mow as needed.
- Fill low areas in travel treads and re-grade, as needed, to maintain road cross section.
- Maintain the road surface in good condition, which includes periodic grading and addition of gravel surface material when necessary.
- Eradicate or otherwise remove all rodents or burrowing animals. Immediately repair any damage caused by their activity.
- Immediately repair any vandalism, vehicular, or livestock damage to earthfills, side slopes, spillways, outlets or other related items.
- Minimize the damage to vegetative buffers adjacent to the road when it is necessary to chemically treat the road surface to maintain erosion protection.

Additional operations and maintenance requirements specific to this plan:
