

ACCESS CONTROL

PRACTICE INTRODUCTION

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Access control is excluding animals, people, or vehicles 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, earthfill, gates, signs, etc.

COMMON ASSOCIATED PRACTICES

Access Control is commonly planned as part of Conservation Management System with practices such as Fence (382), Pasture and Hay Planting (512), Range Planting (550), Tree/Shrub Establishment (612), Hedgerow Planting (422), and other conservation practices.

Refer to the practice standard in the local Field Office Technical Guide and associated practice specifications and Job Sheets for further information.

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.

