

## STATEMENT OF WORK Land Clearing (460)

These deliverables apply to this individual practice. For other planned practice deliverables refer to those specific Statements of Work.

### DESIGN

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#### Deliverables:

1. Design documents that demonstrate criteria in NRCS practice standard have been met and are compatible with planned and applied practices.
  - a. Practice purpose(s) as identified in the conservation plan
  - b. List of required permits to be obtained by the client
  - c. Practice standard criteria-related computations and analyses to develop plans and specifications including but not limited to:
    - i. Determination of appropriate method, intensity and timing to efficiently and safely remove trees, stumps and other vegetation
    - ii. Designating appropriate setbacks from wetlands, water bodies and streams
    - iii. Mitigation of erosion, runoff, soil compaction and soil displacement to acceptable levels during the transition period to the desired land use
2. Written plans and specifications including sketches and drawings shall be provided to the client that adequately describes the requirements to install the practice and obtain necessary permits.
3. Documentation of needed operation and maintenance.
4. Certification that the design meets practice standard criteria and comply with applicable laws and regulations.
5. Design modifications during installation as required.
6. Documentation needed for the practice depends on the specific conditions at the site where it will be installed. However in New Mexico, the minimum required documentation is: Areas cleared measures to prevent erosion.
7. The local SWCD can help identify local permits and regulatory requirements. (Refer to Item 1.b above)

### INSTALLATION

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#### Deliverables:

1. Pre-application conference with client.
2. Verification that client has obtained required permits.
3. Staking and layout according to plans and specifications including applicable layout notes.
4. Application guidance as needed.
5. Facilitate and implement required design modifications with client and original designer.
6. Advise client/NRCS on compliance issues with all federal, state, tribal, and local laws, regulations and NRCS policies during installation.
7. Certification that the application process and materials meet design and permit requirements.
8. Information required by Design Deliverable Item 6, as a minimum, must be collected. This is especially true for work that cannot be observed once installation is complete.

### CHECK OUT

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#### Deliverables:

1. Records of application.
  - a. Extent of practice units applied
  - b. Actual mitigation measures used and applied
2. Certification that the application meets NRCS standards and specifications and is in compliance with permits.
3. Progress reporting.
4. As a minimum, all Design Deliverable Item 6 requirements shall be measured, photographed, or documented to show that the installed practice meets the standard, specification, and design requirements.

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**REFERENCES**

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- NRCS Field Office Technical Guide (eFOTG), Section IV, Conservation Practice Standard – Land Clearing, 460
- NRCS National Forestry Handbook (NFH), Part 636.4
- NRCS National Environmental Compliance Handbook
- NRCS Cultural Resources Handbook