



Voluntary Authorization for Release of Information to Consult with Other Federal Agencies

The Privacy Act of 1974 and Section 1619 of the USDA Farm Bill provides for the protection of the integrity, security, and confidentiality of conservation plans and client files. NRCS must have your permission to share your protected information with others.

When a USDA-NRCS participant receives Federal funding or final designs/specifications, it is NRCS's legal responsibility to ensure that the project meets the obligations of environmental and historic preservation laws (Endangered Species Act and the National Historic Preservation Act). In some cases this may require that NRCS consult with other Federal agencies (US Fish & Wildlife Service, State/Tribal Historic Preservation Officer) to ensure the planned actions comply with the law. Before initiating site-specific consultation, NRCS must obtain written consent of the landowner and land user (when the land user provides written indication of having complete control over the land, the landowner's consent is not required). Shared information may include your contact information, location of the project and description of the project.

I, _____, have control of said project and/or property, and hereby **give my consent** to authorize the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to release the appropriate information from my case file, when consultation with other Federal agencies is required. This does not authorize access to my private property by non-NRCS agencies, groups, or other individuals without my consent. This consent is provided for the duration of the USDA contract, until _____, or until I give written notice to cancel.

Program Participant Signature

Date

Landowner's Signature

(Required if different than the participant)

Date

I, _____, have control of said project and/or property, and **choose not to give my consent** for NRCS to consult with other Federal agencies regarding my project or to release pertinent information from my project or construction plan relating to said consultation.

Program Participant Signature

Date

Landowner's Signature

(Required if different than the participant)

Date

If you choose not to give your consent, you may work directly with these agencies when the need arises and provide assurance of compliance to the NRCS prior to implementation of your planned project. NRCS will provide you no further assistance until the consultation process has been completed.

NOTE: Failure to provide consent may affect your eligibility to receive USDA funding for your project.

Provide a copy of this signed form to the landowner and/or participant.