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Fencing can be used to control livestock access to riparian areas.

WHAT IS ACCESS CONTROL?

The temporary or permanent exclusion of animals, people, vehicles, and/or equipment from an area.

PURPOSE

To achieve and maintain desired resource conditions by monitoring and managing the intensity of use by animals, people, vehicles, and/or equipment.

HOW IT HELPS THE LAND

This practice can help by controlling:

- Potentially damaging activities caused by livestock, including hoof action and unwanted removal of vegetation through grazing
- Vehicular traffic intrusion resulting in excessive soil erosion and water quality concerns
- General trespass infringement resulting in property damage, along with liability and safety concerns.

WHERE THE PRACTICE APPLIES

This practice applies to all land uses where the exclusion of animals, people, vehicles and/or equipment is needed.

WHERE TO GET HELP

For assistance with this practice, contact your local Natural Resources Conservation Service or your local Conservation District office.

APPLYING THE PRACTICE

Utilizing various access control methods such as the posting of signs, patrolling the area, permitting, installing gates, fences and other barriers are methods that can be used to facilitate the desired use of an area.

Activities may involve temporary or permanent exclusion of one or all entities. Access Control may cover an entire ownership, field, or an area within a field in need of protection.

Barriers may include either natural or artificial structures such as logs, vegetation, earth-fill,

boulders, fences, gates, electronic and sonic devices, or signs.

Barriers should be adequate to prevent, restrict, or control use by vehicles, animals or people and not be a safety hazard. The barrier life expectancy should be adequate for the intended purpose.

To prevent accidents, and minimize liability, all barriers that block roads or paths shall be marked

with bright reflective paint, signs or other reflective material.

Comply with applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations during the installation, operation and maintenance of this practice.



Posting signs is an excellent method to control access.



Poorly timed use of vehicles can accelerate erosion on roads and trails. A properly placed barrier can restrict unwanted access.

Specifications:

Restrict Access To:

Animals People Vehicles Equipment Other _____

Duration:

Permanently From _____ to _____

Method:

Signs Gate Fence Other _____

Description:

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