

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE
_____, OKLAHOMA**

**OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE PLAN
ACCESS ROAD**

Sponsor/Land user: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Legal description of practice location: SEC _____ T _____ R _____

A properly operated and maintained access road is an asset to your farm. This access road was designed and installed as travel way on your farm. The estimated life span of this system is at least 10 years. The life of this system can be assured and usually increased by developing and carrying out a good operation and maintenance program.

This practice will require you to perform periodic operation and maintenance to maintain satisfactory performance. Here are some recommendations to help you develop a good operation and maintenance program.

GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

- Inspect access roads once per year and after major storms to determine needed maintenance.
- Inspect culverts, roadside ditches, surface cross drains, and outlets after each major runoff event and restore flow capacity as needed. Ensure proper cross section is available and outlets are stable.
- Maintain vegetated areas in adequate cover and control noxious weeds to meet the intended purpose(s). Re-seed and mow as needed to maintain a good vegetative stand on berms, ditches, and the side slopes. Remove undesirable trees and shrubs from the side slopes.
- Maintain the roadway surface in a good condition, which includes periodic grading or repair of the surface. Fill low areas in travel treads and re-grade, as needed, to maintain road cross section. Prevent surface ponding by grading to remove depressions.
- Select the chemicals used for surface treatment or snow and ice removal to minimize adverse effects on stabilizing vegetation.
- Conservation practices that limit particulate matter emissions should be incorporated into long-term maintenance plans.
- Limit livestock usage to periods that permit use without damage.

