

**NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE
CONSERVATION PRACTICE STANDARD
SOUTH DAKOTA SUPPLEMENTS ITALICIZED**

USE EXCLUSION

(acre)
CODE 472

DEFINITION

Excluding animals, people, or vehicles from an area.

PURPOSES

To protect, maintain, or improve the quantity and quality of the plant, animal, soil, air, water, and aesthetics resources and human health and safety.

CONDITIONS WHERE PRACTICE APPLIES

In areas where vegetative establishment and maintenance, soil condition, water or air quality, wildlife or aesthetic values are in need of protection. This practice is also applicable in areas where human and animal health and safety hazards are present.

CRITERIA

Barriers must be adequate to prevent use by targeted vehicles, animals, or people.

Barrier life expectancy must be adequate for the intended purpose.

Exclusion periods will be of adequate duration and season to accomplish intended objectives.

CONSIDERATIONS

Consider existing or potential liability problems *from a safety, health, and public relations standpoint.*

Barriers may consist of both natural and artificial structures such as logs, vegetation, earth fill, boulders, fences, gates, or signs.

See the Fencing (382) standard for guidelines on fence construction.

PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS

Specifications for applying this practice shall be prepared for each site and recorded using approved specification sheets, job sheets, narrative statements in the conservation plan, or other acceptable documentation.

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

Barriers will be periodically inspected and remedial repairs will be performed as needed.

The excluded area will be evaluated to see if objectives are being accomplished.

Conservation practice standards are reviewed periodically and updated if needed. The current version of this standard is posted on our website at www.sd.nrcs.usda.gov or may be obtained at your local Natural Resources Conservation Service.