



Road/Trail/Landing Closure and Treatment Conservation Practice Job Sheet 654-TX Natural Resources Conservation Service, Texas

Client: _____



Definition:

The closure, decommissioning or abandonment of roads, trails, and/or landings, and associated treatment to reach conservation objectives.

Purposes:

- Control erosion, chemical residues and off- site movement, sediment deposition and damage, accentuated storm runoff, and particulate matter generation.
- Restore land to a productive state by reestablishing adapted plants and habitat, reconnecting wildlife habitat and migration corridors, and controlling noxious and invasive plants.
- Reestablish natural drainage patterns and integrity of hill slopes, channels and flooded plains and their related hydrologic and geomorphic processes.
- Minimize human impacts to the closure area to meet safety, aesthetic, sensitive area protection, or wildlife habitat requirements.

Where Used

On roads, trails and landings designated for closure including cut-and-fill slopes, side cast areas, and associated drainage structures.

Conservation Management System

Road/Trail/Landing Closure and Treatment is an accelerating practice as part of a conservation management system. The practice is used to control soil erosion/ sedimentation, restore land to a productive state, restore natural landscape patterns, and/or minimize human impact to an area.

Generally one of three levels of treatment will be designated: 1) closure and treatment to a level that facilitates future management use; 2) closure, treatment and stabilization, and natural drainage restoration; and 3) removal and reshaping to natural contours, stabilization, and natural landscape and drainage restoration.

Other associated practices may be necessary, such as; critical area planting, tree/shrub establishment, range seeding, mulching, structure for water control, pest management, etc. If planting trees/shrubs or seeding grasses/forbs in an area used by domestic animals plan Access Control (472), to allow plants to increase in cover and/or become fully established. Use the appropriate job/specification worksheet for any associated practice.

Specifications

Specifications for applying this practice will be prepared for each site and recorded using the appropriate specification sheets, job sheets, or written in the EQIP folder. The area to be treated shall have described the kind, amount and quality of materials and equipment to be used, the sequence, timing, and details of closure treatment activities.

It shall be the responsibility of the client to obtain all necessary permits and/or rights, and to comply with Texas Best Management Practices, local ordinances and laws pertaining to the application of this practice.

Operation and Maintenance

Prevent animal, people or vehicle entry into the treatment area for the prescribed time to allow the vegetation time to become established. Road, Trails and/or Landings will be periodically inspected and repairs performed as needed.

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Client		Farm/Tract	
Location		County or SWCD	
Planner		Date	
Project Size		GPS Coordinates	
Road Number/ Segment			

General

For each road, trail or landing, describe the level of treatment below. Attach a map to this specification showing the road/trail segment(s), or landing(s) to be treated and the number of feet of each. If other practices are needed identify them in the treatment description and fill out the appropriate specification worksheet. Closure and/or treatment are categorized into 3 levels. Describe the practice or activity.

Specific Treatment Description

Level 1 – Closure and Treatment (allows for future use).

Level 2 – Closure, Treatment and Natural Drainage Restoration including culvert removal (allows limited use).

Level 3 – Closure and Treatment, including reshaping hillsides to natural contours, restoring channels and floodplains along with their hydrologic and geomorphic processes (no future use).

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Operation and Maintenance: Closed Roads, Trails and Landings will be inspected (at a minimum) after any weather event that may have caused damage. If planted with trees and/or shrubs, and stocking levels fall below acceptable limits, replanting shall occur. Noxious weeds/Invasive plants will be controlled.

Additional Information:

Design Approved By: /s/ _____ Date: _____

Job Title: _____

CLIENTS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT:

Any forest management activity shall comply with Texas Best Management Practices and applicable laws.

The Client acknowledges that:

- a. They have received a copy of the specification and understand the contents and requirements.
- b. It shall be the responsibility of the client to obtain all necessary permits and/or rights, and to comply with all ordinances and laws pertaining to the application of this practice.

Accepted By: /s/ _____ Date: _____

CERTIFICATION:

I have completed a review of the information provided by the client and certify this practice has been applied.

Certification By: /s/ _____ Date: _____

Job Title: _____