United States Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service

Access Control

Virginia Conservation Practice Job Sheet *472*

Figure 1. This permanent fence was installed to exclude cattle from the riparian zone and protect water quality.

Definition

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

Purpose

Achieve and maintain desired resource conditions by monitoring and managing the intensity of use by animals, people, vehicles, and/or equipment in coordination with the application schedule of practices, measures and activities specified in the conservation plan.

Criteria Applicable to All Purposes

Use-regulating activities (e.g., posting of signs, patrolling, gates, fences and other barriers, permits) shall achieve the intended purpose and include mitigating associated resource concerns to acceptable levels during their installation, operation, and maintenance. Activities will complement the application schedule and life span of other practices specified in the conservation plan.

Each activity or measure will identify the entity to be monitored and regulated (animals, people, vehicles and/or equipment) and specify the intent, intensity, amounts, and timing of exclusion by that entity. Activities may involve temporary to permanent exclusion of one to all entities.

Figure 2. Poorly timed use of vehicles can accelerate sheet, rill, and concentrated flow erosion on access roads and trails.

Placement, location, dimensions and materials (e.g., signs, gates), and frequency of use (e.g., continuous, specific season, or specific dates) shall be described for each activity including monitoring frequency.

This standard shall not be used as a substitute for the Virginia Conservation Practice Standard Fence (Code 382), when a fence is a required component of a management plan.

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

Note: This summary does not address all requirements and considerations in the VA Access Control Conservation Practice Standard (VA-472). Consult the Conservation Practice Standard for further details.

General Information

Producer:_____ Contract #: _____

Farm #: _____ Tract # _____ Field #(s) _____

Field Office: _____ Specifications Date: _____

Planned Installation Date: _____ Proposed Treatment Acres: _____

Producers Purpose

Identify the entity to be monitored and/or managed (mark all that apply):

☐ Animals ☐ People ☐ Vehicles ☐ Equipment Other _____

Intent(s) of control and explanation of specific conditions that are at risk:

Specifications

1. Types of controlled-use activities (posting of signs, patrolling, gates, fences and other barriers) and explanation of the intensity, amounts, and timing of use for entities marked in item 1 above, mitigating measures if their use influences other resources concerns, and monitoring requirements.

   Type(s):

   Explanation:

Specifications (continued)

2. Describe placement, location, dimensions and materials (for signs, structures, etc.), and frequency of use (e.g., continuous, specific season, specific dates) for each activity.

Operation & Maintenance (O&M)

All actions associated with applying activities and measures under this practice shall be monitored at least annually and repaired to maintain the expected performance of the practice. Modify specifications, maintenance and O&M requirements as necessary.

The access control activities were designed and carried out to prevent, restrict, or control access to an area to maintain or improve the quality of natural resources or minimize liability and human health concerns. Carry out the following actions to ensure that the planned access control system functions as intended:

Modifications to activities and use of measures are allowed temporarily to accommodate emergency-level contingencies such as wildfire, hurricane, drought, or flood as long as the resource conditions are maintained or repaired after the event.

Planner Certification

The Access Control practice planned in this job sheet fulfills minimum requirements of Virginia NRCS Conservation Practice Standard 472.

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Signature	Title	Date

Certification of Practice Completion

The Access Control practice planned in this job sheet has been completed and maintained according to Virginia NRCS specifications (indicate in Practice Specifications any changes to planned activities and acreage).

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If needed, an aerial view or a side view of the practice can be shown below. Other relevant information, complementary practices and measures, and additional specifications may be included.

Scale 1"= _____ ft. (NA indicates sketch not to scale: grid size=1/2" by 1/2")

Additional Specifications and Notes

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