

Landowner's Name, Town, VT
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE PLAN
FOR
TRAILS & WALKWAYS

Properly operated and maintained **Trails and Walkways** are an asset to your property. This animal trail and walkway was designed and installed as a travel way for animals on your property. The estimated life span of this practice is at least 10 years. The life of the practice 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. The following are some requirements to help you develop a good operation and maintenance program.

Operation and Maintenance

1. The animal trail or walkway shall only be used to move livestock from one location to another. Livestock shall never be confined to the walkway and livestock shall not be allowed to loaf or congregate on the walkway at any time.
2. Maintain the surface in a good condition, which includes periodic grading or repair of the surface and resurface with new material as needed.
3. Prevent ponding by grading to remove depressions and allowing surface water to drain of the travel area of the trail or walkway. Fill low areas and re-grade, as needed, to maintain trail cross section.
4. Minimize usage during wet periods to limit damage of the animal trail.
5. If fences are installed, they shall be maintained to contain livestock on travel lane. If portable fence is used, be sure to take proper winterization steps.
6. Remove debris from bridge and culvert openings to prevent blockage of stream crossings.
7. Immediately repair any damage to any earth or gravel fills, culverts or other appurtenances.
8. Remove manure or organic accumulation and re-grade the surface, as needed, so animal trail can function as intended.

Specific Requirements for Your Practice

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