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Access Control (472) New Hampshire Job Sheet

Purpose:

Installation of a metal gate or placement of several boulders to restrict access of wheeled motorized vehicles on woods roads (access roads and forest trails).

Restricting access can eliminate problems such as rutting woods roads during wet seasons, littering, dumping, illicit behavior, recreational off road vehicles, and unwanted access to recreational sites.

Where seasonal access is required, a metal gate is recommended. **At a minimum it should be 6x6 pressure treated posts sunk 4 feet into the ground and a steel gate with a lock as pictured above.**

For stronger construction NRCS recommends an option of 4" steel construction set in concrete below the frost line. This exceeds the standard and is not required for cost share programs.

For forestry operations where the next entry isn't for several years, or where trespassing is a constant concern placement of large boulders is an option. Boulders are about 3+ feet in diameter and are only moved by a large excavator.

Non-Approved Uses for NRCS Programs

- For gates as part of a fencing system for livestock
- For forest trail closure by dropping trees across the trail
- Placement of large logs to restrict access
- Cables with flagging to restrict access

Considerations:

- ✓ Paint the gate a bright color and install reflective devices for safety.
- ✓ Work with a local snowmobile club to allow on-trail winter only access.
- ✓ Blocking ATV use from your property will not change your "current use" designation in NH.
- ✓ Work with neighbors and local hunters, via written permission to access your property.
- ✓ Develop signs to instruct the public on what your desires for access are such as: parking, foot traffic only, no motorized wheeled vehicles etc.
- ✓ You may use heavier duty construction of the gates but it is not required.

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Client/Operating Unit:		Tract:		Farm No.:	
Farm/Ranch Location:		Field No.:		Program:	
Specifications Date:			Planned Installation Date:		
Proposed Treatment Acres:					

Installation shall be in accordance with the following specifications, drawings, and other requirements. NO CHANGES ARE TO BE MADE IN THE SPECIFICATIONS WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL BY AN AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE.

Specifications

1. Entity to be monitored and managed (mark all that apply):

   Animals, People, Vehicles, Equipment, Other_____

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

Specifications (continued)

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

   Name(s):

   Explanation:

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

Specifications (continued)

4. Soils, site factors, and timing of application must be suitable for any ground-based equipment that may be utilized for installing the named activities to avoid erosion and sedimentation. For safety purposes and to protect site resources, treatment methods involving equipment are generally not applied on slopes exceeding 35 percent.
5. List emergency preparedness agency information (optional), e.g., local fire/wildfire control agency and pumper truck water sources on or near the area:
6. Other requirements:
7. All actions associated with applying activities and measures under this practice shall be monitored periodically, maintained, and comply with federal, state, tribal and local laws and regulations. It is the landowner's responsibility to obtain appropriate permits and/or applications prior to commencing an activity.

Layout Sketch and Drawing

(Provide sketch, drawings, maps, and/or aerial photos.)

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

References:

- eFOTG, http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/efotg/

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Practice Specifications Approval and Completion Certification

DESIGN AND INSTALLATION/LAYOUT APPROVAL:

I have job approval authority and certify this practice has been designed with specifications to meet the conservation practice standard and that the client has been advised of installation and layout elements:

NRCS Representative name and title (type or print):			
NRCS Representative Signature:		Date:	

RECORD OF COMPLETION AND CHECK OUT CERTIFICATION:

Treated Acres:	Date Completed by Client:	Date Certified:	Approver's Initials:

I have job approval authority and certify this practice as applied meets NRCS Standards and Specifications:

NRCS Representative name and title (type or print):			
NRCS Representative Signature:		Date:	
Notes:			

LANDOWNER/OPERATOR ACKNOWLEDGES:

a. They have received a copy of the specifications and understand the contents including the scope and location of the practice.
b. They have obtained all necessary permits and/or rights in advance of practice application, and will comply with all ordinances and laws pertaining to the application of this practice.
c. No changes will be made in the installation of the job without prior concurrence of the NRCS.
d. Maintenance of the installed work is necessary for proper performance during the life of the practice. The practice life is_____.

I have reviewed all specifications and agree to install as specified:

Landowner/operator name and title (type or print):			
Landowner/operator Signature:		Date:	