

## Conservation Practice Standard Overview

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### Road/Trail/Landing Closure and Treatment (654)

Road/trail/landing closure and treatment involves the decommissioning and abandonment of travel ways or log landings.

#### Practice Information

This practice minimizes various resource concerns associated with existing roads, trails, and/or landings by closing and treating them to a level to achieve one or more the following resource objectives:

- Reduced erosion.
- Improved water quality by reducing off-site movement of chemical and petroleum residues.
- Improved water quality by reducing off-site movement of sediment.
- Improved air quality by reducing particulate matter (dust).
- Improved wildlife habitat by restoring food, cover, shelter, and habitat connectivity.
- Reduced noxious and invasive species.
- Restored ecologic, hydrologic, and geomorphic function.
- Minimizing human impacts to the closure area to meet safety, aesthetic, sensitive area protection, or wildlife habitat requirements.



Monitoring and patrolling must be conducted following heavy rain or high-wind events until the site is determined to be stable. Stabilizing measures and additional treatment may be necessary. Replace dead or dying vegetation as necessary and control nuisance, noxious, or invasive species until site is fully occupied by desired vegetation.

#### Common Associated Practices

Early Successional Habitat Development/Management (647) is commonly applied with conservation practices such as Field Borders (386), Forage Harvest Management (511), Land Clearing (460), Integrated Pest Management (595), Tree/Shrub Establishment (612), and Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (645).

For further information, contact your local NRCS field office.