

Effects of NRCS Conservation Practices - National

Dam

An artificial barrier that can impound water for one or more beneficial purposes.

Code: 402

Units: no.

Typical Landuse:

AL-Aso Land
 O-Other
 W-Water
 D-Developed
 FS-Farmstead
 P-Protected
 R-Range
 F-Forest
 C-Crop
 C F R P Pr D W O AL

<u>Soil Erosion</u>	<u>Effect</u>	<u>Rationale</u>
Soil Erosion - Sheet and Rill Erosion	0	Not Applicable
Soil Erosion - Wind Erosion	0	Not Applicable
Soil Erosion - Ephemeral Gully Erosion	0	Not Applicable
Soil Erosion - Classic Gully Erosion	2	Stabilization of the gully due to the embankment.
Soil Erosion - Streambank, Shoreline, Water Conveyance C	1	Reduced peak flows downstream from embankment.
<u>Soil Quality Degradation</u>		
Organic Matter Depletion	0	Not Applicable
Compaction	0	Not Applicable
Subsidence	0	Not Applicable
Concentration of Salts or Other Chemicals	-1	Concentrates salts and chemicals in one location where build up over time can occur.
<u>Excess Water</u>		
Excess Water - Seeps	-2	Possible seepage from ponding of water.
Excess Water - Runoff, Flooding, or Ponding	2	Runoff and peak flows reduced.
Excess Water - Seasonal High Water Table	-1	Seepage from ponded water.
Excess Water - Drifted Snow	0	Not Applicable
<u>Insufficient Water</u>		
Insufficient Water - Inefficient Use of Irrigation Water	2	Provides permanent water storage for irrigation.
Insufficient Water - Inefficient Moisture Management	0	Not Applicable
<u>Water Quality Degradation</u>		
Pesticides in Surface Water	0	Not Applicable
Pesticides in Groundwater	0	Not Applicable
Nutrients in Surface water	0	Not Applicable
Nutrients in Groundwater	-1	Nutrients impounded could contaminate groundwater.
Salts in Surface Water	0	Not Applicable
Salts in Groundwater	0	Not Applicable
Excess Pathogens and Chemicals from Manure, Bio-solic	-2	Because of aquatic animal feed or decaying vegetation, or from excessive nutrients in runoff
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Excessive Sediment in Surface Water	2	Suspended sediments are trapped.														
Elevated Water Temperature	0	Water released from impoundments may be warmer or cooler than receiving waters, depending on site conditions.														
Petroleum, Heavy Metals and Other Pollutants Transport	0	Not Applicable														
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<u>Air Quality Impacts</u>																
Emissions of Particulate Matter (PM) and PM Precursors	0	Not Applicable														
Emissions of Ozone Precursors	0	Not Applicable														
Emissions of Greenhouse Gases (GHGs)	0	Not Applicable														
Objectionable Odors	0	Not Applicable														
<u>Degraded Plant Condition</u>																
Undesirable Plant Productivity and Health	0	Not Applicable														
Inadequate Structure and Composition	0	Not Applicable														
Excessive Plant Pest Pressure	0	Not Applicable														
Wildfire Hazard, Excessive Biomass Accumulation	0	Not Applicable														
<u>Fish and Wildlife - Inadequate Habitat</u>																
Inadequate Habitat - Food	2	Impounded water improves food availability for some fish and wildlife, but decreases food sources for other species, especially stream dwellers.														
Inadequate Habitat - Cover/Shelter	2	Impounded water improves cover and shelter for some fish and wildlife, but decreases it for stream species.														
Inadequate Habitat - Water	0	Although water is impounded for lotic species, passage to upstream and downstream habitats is not possible for fish and other aquatic wildlife.														
Inadequate Habitat - Habitat Continuity (Space)	2	Ponds and adjacent areas provide additional space for wildlife and pond-dwelling species, but eliminates space for stream species.														
<u>Livestock Production Limitation</u>																
Inadequate Feed and Forage	0	Not Applicable														
Inadequate Shelter	0	Not Applicable														
Inadequate Water	4	Dams can also provide stock water.														
<u>Inefficient Energy Use</u>																
Equipment and Facilities	0	Not Applicable														
Farming/Ranching Practices and Field Operations	0	Not Applicable														
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