

## Access Control

(Acres) Code: 472

### Definition

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

### Eligible Land Uses

This practice is eligible on all land and water uses that meet the EQIP eligibility criteria and the scenario descriptions below.

### Massachusetts Practice Intent

The purpose of this practice is to maintain desired resource conditions by managing the intensity of use by animals, people, vehicles and/or equipment.

### Massachusetts NRCS Program Rules

#### For all projects (except forest boundary marking):

- If the proposed project is located in NHESP Priority Habitat, submit a data request form to the NRCS-NHESP Review Biologist prior to conducting a site visit and include the NRCS-DFW Habitat Biologist and NRCS-NHESP Review Biologist in the site visit.

### Further Requirements Applicable to Specific Scenarios:

#### Animal Exclusion from Sensitive Areas

- Only applicable for excluding livestock from sensitive areas (i.e., not for wildlife exclusion).
- Exclusion will be by temporary electric fencing only. If permanent fence is needed it shall be planned under conservation practice standard 382 - Fence.

#### Biosecurity Access Control

- Must be part of a biosecurity plan.
- Includes signage, gate and limited fence.

#### Forest/Farm Access Control

- The landowner must have a forest management plan.
- Used to restrict human access to the forest through the use of signage or tree marking.
- The property boundary line must be researched and established (repainting of already established line is not eligible).
- Must be planned in conjunction with another planned forest management activity.
- Line must be marked by installing signs using aluminum nails, or trees must be painted using boundary marking paint.
- Signs or painted trees must be spaced at a minimum of every 50 feet.
- Marking along public right of ways is not eligible.

#### Hibernaculum Bat Gate

- Installation of a gate to control access to caves and other natural formation that provide bat roosting and hibernation sites.

**Navigational Delineation**

- Only eligible in conjunction with conservation practice standard 400 – Bivalve Aquaculture.

**Trails/Roads Access Control**

- Entails installation of a gate to control access.