**OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE**

## ACCESS ROAD

**CODE 560**

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| Landowner Operator: | | | |  | | | |
| Practice Location: | | |  | | | | |
| County: |  | | | | Farm Tract No.: | |  |
| Prepared by: | |  | | | Date: |  | |

Inspections and maintenance are required to achieve the intended function, benefits, and life of the practice. The landowner/operator is responsible to establish and implement an inspection and maintenance program. Items to inspect and maintain during the 10-year design life of the practice include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Inspect after significant storm events and at least annually to identify repair and maintenance needs.
2. Inspect culverts, roadside ditches, water bars, and outlets and restore flow capacity as needed.
3. Fill and revegetate or resurface rills and gullies that occur.
4. Maintain vegetated areas in adequate cover to meet the intended purpose(s). Re-seed and mow as needed.
5. Fill low areas in travel treads and re-grade, as needed, to maintain road cross section.
6. Inspect roads with water bars periodically to ensure proper cross section is available and outlets are stable.
7. Minimize the damage to vegetative buffers adjacent to the road when it is necessary to chemically treat the road surface to maintain erosion protection.
8. Operate mowing and other equipment on slopes in accordance with machinery operation manual.
9. Post and maintain warning signs for flood areas or curves as needed.
10. Conservation practices that limit particulate matter emissions should be incorporated into long-term maintenance plans.