

Soil Erosion Enhancement Activity – SOE02 - Protection of cultural resource



Enhancement Description

Stabilization and protection of identified cultural resource and/or historic properties with vegetation to prevent damage from erosion and loss of cultural and historic deposits, including associated artifacts.

Land Use Applicability

Cropland, pastureland, rangeland and forestland.

Benefits

Culturally important and historic sites can be damaged by erosion. Historic and prehistoric cultural deposits, including associated artifacts and features can be lost or destroyed making later study or interpretation of the sites impossible. Revegetating these areas with conservation cover can protect the sites from further damage and loss of cultural and historic remains.

Criteria for Protection of Cultural Resources

1. Areas to be protected must be identified as a culturally significant or historic site and documented as such in one of the following ways:
 - a. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP)
 - b. Determined eligible for listing on NRHP through Section 106 review (National Historic Preservation Act compliance).
 - c. State government or Tribal government registry.
 - d. State government or Tribal government inventory of historic places.
2. Areas must be protected from further degradation by revegetating with conservation covers that emphasize the use of native species that enhance fish and wildlife habitat including pollinator habitat.

Documentation Requirements

1. Documentation that the site meets one of the 4 criteria listed above.
2. A map or sketch showing the location and extent of the area that is protected.
3. Documentation of the plant species used for revegetation.



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Additional guidance for cultural resource protection:

There must be concurrence from the NRCS State Archeologist that the proposed site meets the national enhancement criteria. The State Archeologist will consult with state historic information officer and appropriate tribal historical officers and/or BIA as needed.

**This activity may NOT be used with the following enhancements:
ANM12, ANM26, ANM28, ANM29, ANM30, PLT10, PLT14, ENR06, ENR08,
ENR09, SOE01, SOE03, SQL01, SQL02, SQL03, SQL04, SQL05,
SQL08, WQL04, WQL06, WQL07, WQL08, WQL10, WQL11,
WQL13, WQL14, WQL15, WQL16, WQL17, WQL20, WQL21,
WQL22, WQT01, WQT02, WQT03, WQT04, WQT05, WQT06, CCR99**

Potential duplicate practices: any practice related to vegetation establishment (327 – Conservation cover, 550 – Range planting, 612 – Tree and shrub establishment, 390 – Riparian herbaceous cover, 391 – Riparian forest buffer, 393 – Filter strip, 386 – Field border, 380 – Windbreak and shelterbelt establishment, 342 – Critical area planting)