

Effects of NRCS Conservation Practices - National

Trails and Walkways

A pathway for pedestrian, equestrian, bicycle, other off-road modes of recreation travel, farm-workers, construction/maintenance access and small walk behind equipment.

Code: 568

Units: ft

Typical Landuse:

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

<u>Soil Erosion</u>	<u>Effect</u>	<u>Rationale</u>
Soil Erosion - Sheet and Rill Erosion	1	Pathways may direct travel away from erosion prone areas.
Soil Erosion - Wind Erosion	1	Pathways may direct travel away from erosion prone areas.
Soil Erosion - Ephemeral Gully Erosion	1	Pathways may direct travel away from erosion prone areas.
Soil Erosion - Classic Gully Erosion	4	Recreational traffic is diverted away from problem area and can facilitate healing of gully.
Soil Erosion - Streambank, Shoreline, Water Conveyance C	2	Recreational traffic is diverted away from problem area and can facilitate healing.
<u>Soil Quality Degradation</u>		
Organic Matter Depletion	0	Not Applicable
Compaction	2	Controlled traffic confines compaction to a more limited area.
Subsidence	0	Not Applicable
Concentration of Salts or Other Chemicals	0	Not Applicable
<u>Excess Water</u>		
Excess Water - Seeps	0	Not Applicable
Excess Water - Runoff, Flooding, or Ponding	2	Managed foot traffic increases vegetative cover.
Excess Water - Seasonal High Water Table	0	Not Applicable
Excess Water - Drifted Snow	0	Not Applicable
<u>Insufficient Water</u>		
Insufficient Water - Inefficient Use of Irrigation Water	0	Not Applicable
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
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Salts in Surface Water	0	Not Applicable
Salts in Groundwater	0	Not Applicable
Excess Pathogens and Chemicals from Manure, Bio-solic	1	Trails can move traffic away from sensitive areas
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Excessive Sediment in Surface Water	2	Suspended sediment and turbidity in surface water will decrease due to controlled traffic and reduced erosion														
Elevated Water Temperature	0	Not Applicable														
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	1	Stabilized trails can improve cover on other areas														
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	4	When species are selected, they will be maintained at optimal conditions for the intended purpose.														
Inadequate Structure and Composition	5	Adapted and suited species are selected for this practice for erosion control.														
Excessive Plant Pest Pressure	-1	Trails may provide an environment for weeds.														
Wildfire Hazard, Excessive Biomass Accumulation	2	Trails provide firebreaks and access to sites for fuel reduction activities.														
<u>Fish and Wildlife - Inadequate Habitat</u>																
Inadequate Habitat - Food	-2	Construction and maintenance activities eliminate or reduce food species.														
Inadequate Habitat - Cover/Shelter	-2	Construction and maintenance activities eliminate or reduce cover/shelter.														
Inadequate Habitat - Water	1	Not Applicable														
Inadequate Habitat - Habitat Continuity (Space)	-2	Increased recreation use and disturbance reduces habitat availability.														
<u>Livestock Production Limitation</u>																
Inadequate Feed and Forage	0	Not Applicable														
Inadequate Shelter	0	Not Applicable														
Inadequate Water	0	Not Applicable														
<u>Inefficient Energy Use</u>																
Equipment and Facilities	0	Not Applicable														
Farming/Ranching Practices and Field Operations	0	Not Applicable														
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