

Access Control (472) New Hampshire Job Sheet



Purpose:

Installation of a Heavy Duty Steel Gate or placement of several boulders to restrict access of wheeled motorized vehicles on woods roads (access roads and forest trails).

Restricting access can eliminate problems such as rutting woods roads during wet seasons, littering, dumping, illicit behavior, recreational off road vehicles, and unwanted access to recreational sites.

Where seasonal access is required, a heavy steel gate is a better choice. NRCS requires a 4" steel construction set in concrete below the frost line. (See Figure 1 on page 2).

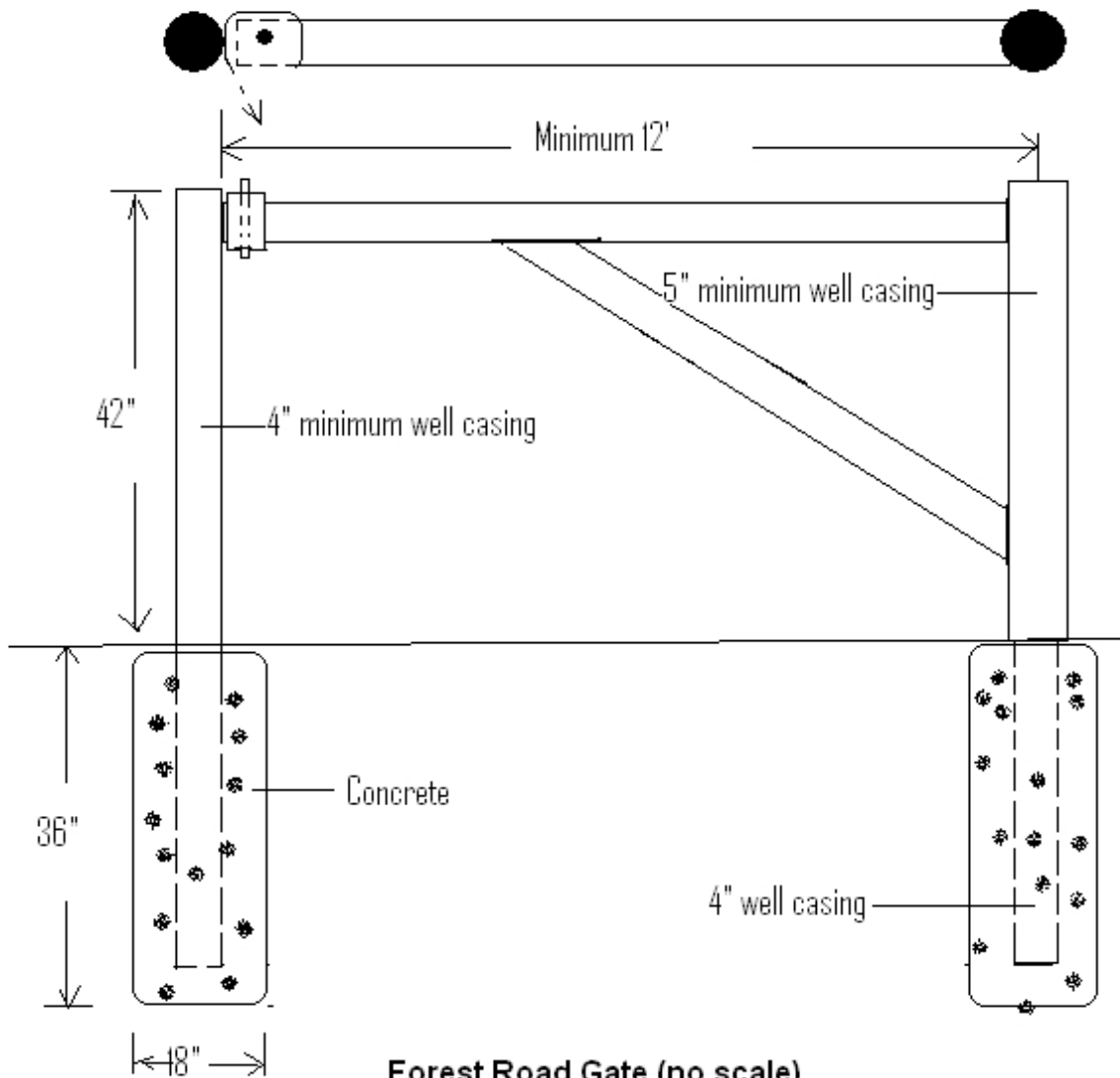
For forestry operations where the next entry isn't for several years, or where trespassing is a constant concern placement of large boulders is an option. Boulders are about 3+ feet in diameter and are only moved by a large excavator. This is a non-typical approved use of the practice and is less common.

Non-Approved Uses for NRCS Programs

- For gates as part of a fencing system for livestock
- For forest trail closure by dropping trees across the trail
- Placement of large logs to restrict access
- Cables with flagging to restrict access

Considerations:

- ✓ Paint the gate a bright color and install reflective devices for safety.
- ✓ Work with a local snowmobile club to allow on-trail winter only access.
- ✓ Blocking ATV use from your property will not change your "current use" designation in NH.
- ✓ Work with neighbors and local hunters, via written permission to access your property.
- ✓ Develop signs to instruct the public on what your desires for access are such as: parking, foot traffic only, no motorized wheeled vehicles etc.
- ✓ Light Duty gates can be easily ripped-out by 4x4 pickup trucks pulling them out with a chain.



Forest Road Gate (no scale)

**Gate should swing in ward.
Set posts below frost.**

Above: Figure 1.the specifications for a heavy steel gate for access control.

Lighter duty gates non-permitted for NRCS Cost Share Programs