

CSP-2019-1_MN - MN NIPF Farmstead

Soil Erosion

Sheet and Rill Erosion

Planning Criteria

Permanent ground cover > 90% and slope less than 10%; OR, The water erosion rate is less than or equal to T.

Planning Criteria Met

Yes ☐ No ☐

Evaluation Tests

All non-traffic areas are vegetated.

Evaluation Test Met

Yes ☐ No ☐

Classic Gully Erosion

Planning Criteria

Classic gullies are not present; Or, Classic gully management is adequate to stop the progression of head cutting and widening and offsite impacts are minimized by vegetation and/or structures.

Planning Criteria Met

Yes ☐ No ☐

Evaluation Tests

Classic Gullies are not present; Or, All classic gullies are stabilized; AND, All areas expected to have high erosion rates are stable.

Evaluation Test Met

Yes ☐ No ☐

CSP-2019-1_MN - MN NIPF Farmstead**Soil Quality Degradation****Compaction****Planning Criteria**

Soil compaction is not a problem: AND, Activities do not cause soil compaction problems AND can be documented with prior conservation planning or other on-site evaluation methods.

Planning Criteria Met

Yes ☐ No ☐

Evaluation Tests

Soil compaction is limited to roads, trails, and landings; AND, Roads, trails, and landings are properly maintained as to not cause associated resource concerns.

Evaluation Test Met

Yes ☐ No ☐

CSP-2019-1_MN - MN NIPF_Farmstead**Excess Water****Runoff and Flooding and Ponding****Planning Criteria****Planning Criteria Met**

Runoff, flooding, and ponding is managed to minimize the impact on conservation measures and/or farmstead areas.

Yes ☐ No ☐

Evaluation Tests**Evaluation Test Met**

Water runoff from hard surfaces, such as building roofs, is controlled to the point that it does not cause damaging runoff, flooding or ponding.

Yes ☐ No ☐

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Water Quality Degradation

Nutrients in Surface Water

Planning Criteria

Planning Criteria Met

Organic or inorganic nutrients are not applied and AFO/CAFO is not present; OR, Nutrient and amendment applications are based on soil or tissue tests and nutrient budgets for realistic yields; AND, Manure is managed and stored to eliminate off-site movement; AND, Conservation practices and management activities are in place to minimize surface water impacts.

Yes ☐ No ☐

Evaluation Tests

Evaluation Test Met

Manure and untreated runoff from animal pens, feedlots, or similar AFO/CAFO is stopped from entering nearby streams, drainage ditches, and irrigation ditches.

Yes ☐ No ☐

Excess Pathogens and Chemicals from Manure, Bio-solids or Compost Applications in Surface Water

Planning Criteria

Planning Criteria Met

Potential sources of pathogens or pharmaceuticals are not applied on the land; OR, Organic materials are applied, stored, and/or handled to mitigate negative impacts to surface water sources.

Yes ☐ No ☐

Evaluation Tests

Evaluation Test Met

Livestock access to stream is controlled; OR, Livestock are limited to small watering or crossing areas.

Yes ☐ No ☐

Animal pens, feedlots, or similar AFO/CAFO do not exist on the land management system; OR, Manure and untreated runoff from animal pens, feedlots, or similar AFO/CAFO is stopped from entering nearby streams, drainage ditches, and irrigation ditches.

Yes ☐ No ☐

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Excess Pathogens and Chemicals from Manure, Bio-solids or Compost Applications in Ground Water

Planning Criteria

Planning Criteria Met

Potential sources of pathogens or pharmaceuticals are not stored or applied on the land; OR, Organic materials are applied, stored, and/or handled to mitigate negative impacts to groundwater sources.

Yes ☐ No ☐

Evaluation Tests

Evaluation Test Met

Water well(s) does not exist; OR, Any water well(s) is located at least 100 feet from animal pens, feedlots, or similar AFO/CAFO OR runoff from these areas is treated; OR, An impervious barrier around the well prevents seepage into the groundwater.

Yes ☐ No ☐

Excessive Sediment in Surface Water

Planning Criteria

Planning Criteria Met

There are no untreated sources of erosion and streams or shoreline are not on or adjacent to site; OR, Upslope treatment and buffer practices address concentrated flows to water bodies; AND, Heavy use areas are stable; AND, The SVAP2 - bank condition is ≥ 5 .

Yes ☐ No ☐

Evaluation Tests

Evaluation Test Met

All temporary or permanent rills and gullies are stabilized; OR, Temporary or permanent rills and gullies do not exist.

Yes ☐ No ☐

CSP-2019-1 MN - MN NIPF Farmstead**Degraded Plant Condition****Inadequate Structure and Composition****Planning Criteria****Planning Criteria Met**

Plant communities contain adequate diversity, composition and structure to support desired ecological functions for the ecological site.

Yes ☐ No ☐

Evaluation Tests**Evaluation Test Met**

The current plants provide the desired habitat structure and composition. State identified invasive plants and noxious weeds are controlled.

Yes ☐ No ☐

Excessive Plant Pest Pressure**Planning Criteria****Planning Criteria Met**

Plant pest damage to plants is below economic or environmental thresholds; AND, plant pests, including noxious and invasive species are managed.

Yes ☐ No ☐

Evaluation Tests**Evaluation Test Met**

Invasive and noxious weeds are controlled or are not present.

Yes ☐ No ☐

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Fish and Wildlife - Inadequate Habitat

Inadequate Habitat - Food

Planning Criteria

Planning Criteria Met

The WHSI rating is ≥ 0.5 ; AND, (when surface stream present) The SVAP2 - fish habitat complexity element score is ≥ 7 ; AND, The SVAP2 - aquatic invertebrate habitat element score is ≥ 7 ; OR, Conservation practices and managements are in place that meet or exceed species or guild-specific habitat model thresholds; OR, Food is available in quality and extent to support habitat requirements for the species of interest.

Yes ☐ No ☐

Evaluation Tests

Evaluation Test Met

Plants provide nectar and pollen sources for pollinators and beneficial insects as well as providing adequate food for browsing animals.

Yes ☐ No ☐

Inadequate Habitat - Cover/Shelter

Planning Criteria

Planning Criteria Met

The WHSI rating is ≥ 0.5 ; AND, (when surface stream present) the SVAP2 - barriers to movement element score is ≥ 7 ; AND, the SVAP2 - fish habitat complexity element score is ≥ 7 ; AND, the SVAP2 - aquatic invertebrate habitat element score is ≥ 7 ; OR conservation practices and management practices are in place that meet or exceed species or guild-specific habitat model thresholds; OR, habitat cover is of available quality and extent to support requirements for the species of interest.

Yes ☐ No ☐

Evaluation Tests

Evaluation Test Met

Plant growth and cover is managed to develop and maintain habitat to help chosen wildlife species. (see State Wildlife Action Plan)

Yes ☐ No ☐

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Inadequate Habitat - Habitat Continuity (Space)

Planning Criteria

Planning Criteria Met

The WHSI rating is ≥ 0.5 ; AND, (when surface stream present) The SVAP2 - barriers to movement element score is ≥ 7 ; AND, The SVAP2 - aquatic invertebrate habitat element score is ≥ 7 ; OR, Conservation practices and managements are in place that meet or exceed species or guild-specific habitat model thresholds; OR, The connectivity of habitat components are adequate to support stable populations of target species.

Yes ☐ No ☐

Evaluation Tests

Evaluation Test Met

Connectivity between food resources and cover and shelter is provided for the target wildlife species. (see State Wildlife Action Plan)

Yes ☐ No ☐

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Inefficient Energy Use

Farming/Ranching Practices and Field Operations

Planning Criteria

Planning Criteria Met

On-farm renewable energy and/or energy conserving practices have been implemented and energy savings can be documented by operational adherence to an NRCS approved Energy Audit or the use of various energy saving calculators.

Yes ☐ No ☐

Evaluation Tests

Evaluation Test Met

Energy loss from lighting, drying, refrigeration, cooling, heating, or building insulation has been improved.

Yes ☐ No ☐

Pumps, motors, wells, etc. located on the land management system are improved efficiency models

Yes ☐ No ☐