

# ROAD/TRAIL/LANDING CLOSURE AND TREATMENT

## PRACTICE INTRODUCTION

USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service—Practice Code 654



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Roads, trails, and/or landings are closed, decommissioned, or abandoned with associated treatment to achieve conservation objectives.

#### PRACTICE INFORMATION

This practice minimizes various resource concerns associated with existing roads, trails, and/or landings by closing them and treating to a level where one or more the following objectives are achieved:

- Controlling erosion (road, sheet and rill, gully, wind), chemical residues and offsite movement, sediment deposition and damage, accentuated storm runoff, and particulate matter generation
- Restoring land to a productive state by reestablishing adapted plants and habitat (wildlife food, cover, and shelter), reconnecting wildlife habitat and migration corridors including streams and

riparian areas, and controlling noxious and invasive species

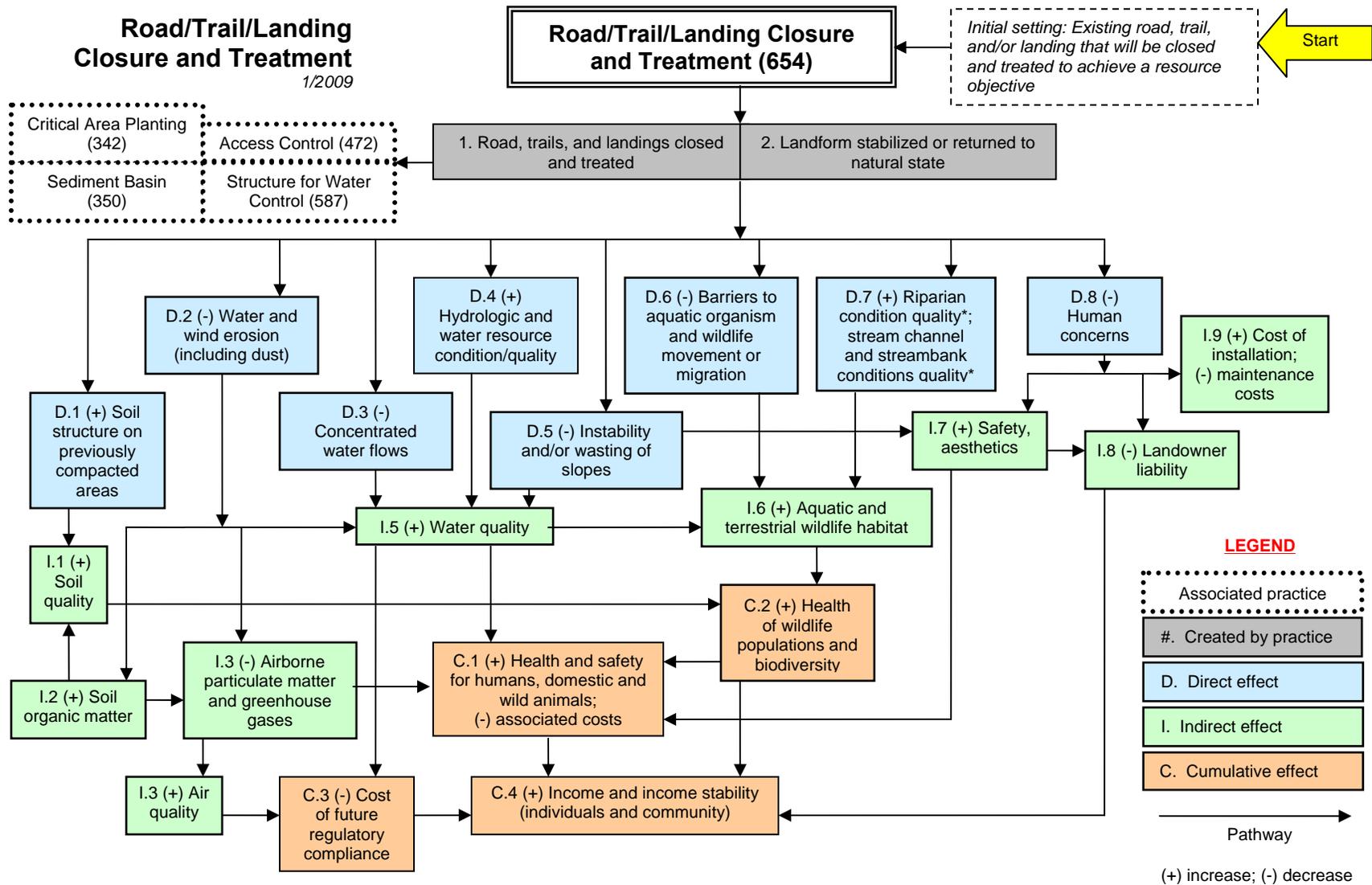
- Reestablishing drainage patterns that existed prior to construction of the road, trail, or landing to restore the form and integrity of associated hill slopes, channels, and flood plains and their related hydrologic and geomorphic processes
- Minimizing human impacts to the closure area to meet safety, aesthetic, sensitive area protection, or wildlife habitat requirements

#### COMMON ASSOCIATED PRACTICES

This practice is used as part of an RMS with associated practices such as Critical Area Planting (342), Sediment Basin (350), Structure for Water Control (587), and Access Control (472).

For further information, refer to the practice standard in the local Field Office Technical Guide and associated practice specifications and job sheets.

The following page identifies the effects expected to occur when this practice is applied. These effects are subjective and somewhat dependent on variables such as climate, terrain, soil, etc. All appropriate local, State, Tribal, and Federal permits and approvals are the responsibility of the landowners and are presumed to have been obtained. Users are cautioned that these effects are estimates that may or may not apply to a specific site.



**Notes:** Effects are qualified with a plus (+) or minus (-). These symbols indicate only an increase (+) or a decrease (-) in the effect upon the resource, not whether the effect is beneficial or adverse.

\*If streams and riparian areas are present and part of the treatment

The diagram above identifies the effects expected to occur when this practice is applied according to NRCS practice standards and specifications. These effects are subjective and somewhat dependent on variables such as climate, terrain, soil, etc. All appropriate local, State, Tribal, and Federal permits and approvals are the responsibility of the landowner and are presumed to have been obtained. All income changes are partially dependent upon market fluctuations which are independent of the conservation practices. Users are cautioned that these effects are estimates that may or may not apply to a specific site.