
LANDSMART™ FOR EQUINE FACILITIES RANCH PLAN

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INTRODUCTION

This LandSmart™ Ranch Plan template, in conjunction with workshops and one-on-one assistance (as needed), is intended to guide you through the process of inventorying property features such as stalls, paddocks, pastures, and manure management facilities, documenting conservation practices that you currently use, and helping you to select additional conservation practices, when needed, to protect water quality and other natural resources. The resulting plan is intended to be a working document to record your decisions and your progress. The plan will help you to identify locations where photo monitoring should be conducted to document your use of conservation practices. These photos along with records you keep can help you evaluate how various conservation practices work within your ranch and, if needed, they can help you demonstrate to others the steps you have taken to protect and improve natural resources. Lastly, the plan will provide you with an easy to reference summary of conservation practices that you use and that you intend to implement.

The LandSmart™ Ranch Plan Template consists of several worksheets that you will complete. The top of each worksheet has information and/or directions, and as you work your way through the worksheet additional instructions may be provided based upon your responses to some questions. You will be able to complete some of the worksheets quite easily. Other worksheets will take more time and will involve some field assessment, perhaps even some assistance from a resource professional (RCD or other).

The worksheets are designed for you to document what conservation practices you currently use and to help you identify which areas of your property could receive the most benefit from implementation of additional conservation practices. Conservation practice tables are included in these worksheets and the tables are designed to help you plan the location and timing of additional practices you may want to implement.

This ranch plan template purposefully covers topics of interest to most equine facility managers and has been developed with a focus on water quality. You may have additional conservation and land management interests beyond water quality regulations. The LandSmart™ Ranch Plan template is intended to help you with those interests as well. If you need assistance to meet your land management and conservation goals, whether or not the topic is covered in this ranch plan template, please do not hesitate to contact your local Resource Conservation District (RCD) office.

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PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

RANCH FACILITY

Ranch Facility Name			
Name of Plan Preparer		Plan Date:	
Preparer's Affiliation			
Mailing Address			
City, State & Zip Code			
Email		Phone:	Fax:

Ranch Facility Location

County		This plan covers:	
Assessor's Parcel Number(s)			
Township		Range	
Latitude		Longitude	
Russian River Sub-Watershed			

Owner/Lessee (if different from above)

Name(s)			
Mailing Address			
City, State & Zip Code		Phone (hm)	
Email		Phone (cell)	

Ranch Manager (if different from above)

Name(s)			
Mailing Address			
City, State & Zip Code		Phone (hm)	
Email		Phone (cell)	

Operations and Land Use

<i>Land Use Activity</i>	<i>Area/Length</i>		<i>Notes</i>
Livestock: Horses		acres	How many?
Livestock: Goats		acres	How many?
Livestock: Sheep		acres	How many?
Livestock: Beef Cattle		acres	How many?
Livestock: Poultry		acres	How many?
Other Livestock: specify		acres	How many?
Grazed/Rangeland		acres	
Roads (paved and unpaved)		feet	
Other paved areas and buildings		Acres	
Forest/Woodland/Chaparral		Acres	
Open Space/Fallow/Undeveloped		Acres	
Reservoir/Pond (footprint)		Acres	
Stream/River/Creek/Riparian (USGS blue-line)		feet	
Stream/River/Creek/Riparian (non USGS blue-line)		feet	
Drainage Ditch/Canal		feet	
Other Farming Facilities		acres	
Other Land uses		acres	
Total acres:			

Off-site Conditions Outside of Landowner Control

If there are any upslope and/or upstream land uses or conditions within the watershed that are out of your control that may influence your ability to effectively implement conservation practices to protect water quality on your property, please describe them below.

Describe as needed:

RANCH MAP SUMMARY

Maps will be an important part of your LandSmart™ Plan and will serve as an easy reference for you. Maps should be prepared on a topographic map, an aerial photograph, or a Google Earth image (minimum 1" = 1,000' or 1:12,000 scales). More than one map may be used to display the information needed to complete your plan. A more detailed map (scale of 1" = 500' or 1:6,000' may be needed to accurately depict stream channels, riparian corridors, or other small scale features. Each map should have a legend and should clearly display the features that are identified in your plan.

You may already have maps of the property to meet the mapping needs identified below. In this case, you may wish to include (or reference) existing maps in your Ranch Plan and alleviate the need to prepare new maps.

If you need assistance with mapping, RCD staff is available to assist you.

This table provides a summary of features mapped for inclusion in your Ranch Plan. Please indicate below which features are displayed on your Ranch Plan map(s) by checking the box on the left. To the extent feasible, maps and photos should be kept with the Ranch Plan. In any case, maps and photos should be readily available for reference.

Mark X if mapped	Boundaries	Notes
	Property & plan boundaries	
	Parcel boundaries	
	Topography (identify area with slope <5% and areas with slope >30%)	
	Pastures with indication whether year round or seasonal	
	Areas under consideration for future pasture	
	Non-livestock land uses	
Ranch Facilities – Give each area/feature a name or number for easy reference.		
	Pens/Paddocks Note: Paddocks are distinguishable from pastures in that paddocks are smaller in size and are considered confinement areas with little to no vegetative cover.	
	Stalls	
	Arenas	
	Wash areas	
	Equipment yards and/or staging areas	
	Water/shade sources for livestock	
	Manure Storage Areas	

	Areas for manure spreading	
	Composting area	
Soils, Erosion Control, Management & Structures – Give each area/feature a name or number for easy reference.		
	Soil type(s) with erosion rating(s) (map from http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov)	
	Drainage system (diversion ditches, storm drains, and underground outlets with inlets and outlets)	
	Sediment/attenuation/energy dissipation basin(s)	
	Vegetated buffer strips/filter strips	
	Erosion features on land associated w/ the ranch facility (i.e. gullies, rills, landslides, mudflows, rock falls)	
	Other:	
Waterways – Give each area/feature a name or number for easy reference.		
	Ephemeral Stream (those that flow only during and shortly after a storm)	
	Seasonal/Intermittent Stream (those that flow for part of the year and generally stop flowing in the late spring)	
	Year Round Stream (those that generally flow year round)	
	Human-made Waterways (non-roadside ditches)	
	Swale(s)	
	Spring(s)	
	Wetland Area(s)	
	Reservoir/Pond/lake(s) (indicate pipe or open channel spillway location)	
	Known barriers to fish migration	
	In-stream structures that may affect stream morphology or cause erosion	
	Erosion features in waterways associated with the ranch facility and roads(i.e. streambank erosion, channel incision)	
Roads - Identify with a name and indicate if public, private and/or easements		
	Surfaced (paved, gravel, etc.) roads	
	Unsurfaced (dirt, vegetated etc) roads	
	Abandoned (tail or non-used) roads	
	Waterway crossings (indicate whether freespan bridge, culvert, ford, etc.)	
	Roadside ditches	
	Road drainage structures (ditch relief culverts, waterbars, rolling dips, etc.)	
	Erosion features on land associated with roads (i.e. gullies, rills, landslides, mudflows, rock falls)	
	Other:	
Other areas to map – Give each area/feature a name or number for easy reference.		
	Equipment storage areas	

	Agrichemical mixing areas	
	Agrichemical storage areas	
	Maintenance and repair locations	
	Refueling locations	
	Motor oil recycling	
	Fuel Storage	
Monitoring Photo-points – Give each point a number for easy reference.		
	Photo-points for winterization and rainy season site readiness inspections	
	Photo-points for management practice implementation and annual maintenance	
	Photopoints of points of discharge	
	Photo-points to demonstrate condition downstream of discharge points	
	Photo-points to track “areas to watch” – e.g. areas with erosion or invasive weeds that you want to track over time	

MANURE STORAGE & NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT

Background: Although horse waste (manure, urine and soiled bedding) are organic biodegradable materials, many of their biological and chemical properties can be detrimental to fish, insects and other aquatic life if those wastes get into local waterbodies. Just as horse owners plan the input (feed) for horses, they need to plan for the output (manure). Horse facility owners should develop a waste management plan to ensure clean and safe facilities, protect creeks and ground water, reduce odors and insect breeding opportunities. Effective horse manure management helps protect water quality.

Purpose: Identify practices currently in use and that are intended for implementation to:

- ✓ Keep surface runoff (stormwater) away from manure storage areas; divert clean water away from manured areas in a non-erosive manner.
- ✓ Keep manure storage areas away from drainages and water bodies.
- ✓ Keep drainage from manure from percolating down into soil- especially in areas where groundwater protection is a priority.
- ✓ Cover manure.
- ✓ Make access to storage areas convenient, size them adequately and have a contingency plan for when waste volume exceeds capacity.

Manure Storage Areas

M1. Do you have a manure management plan or strategy?

If yes, attached plan or describe.

Yes, attach plan or describe No (Consider practices #1 and 2 listed in Table M1 below)

M2. What is the volume (cubic feet) of manure produced on site on a:

Daily basis _____

Weekly basis: _____

Monthly basis: _____

**If you are unsure, please estimate based on the following information:*

The average 1,000 lb horse produces 45 lbs of manure/day, or approximately 0.75 cubic feet/day.

of horses x 45 lbs/day/horse x 30 days/month = Pounds of manure/month

of horses x .75 cubic feet/day/horse x 30 days/month / 27 cubic feet/cubic yard = Cubic yards/month

For example: if you have 3 horses, 3 horses x 45 lbs/day/horse x 30 days/month = 4,050 lbs/month

3 horses x 0.75 cubic feet/day/horse x 30 days = 67.5 cubic feet/month

$$67.5 \text{ cubic feet/month} / 27 \text{ cubic feet/cubic yard} = 2.5 \text{ cubic yards/month}$$

M3. What is the volume (cubic feet) of bedding used on site on a:

Daily basis _____

Weekly basis: _____

Monthly basis: _____

*** if you are unsure, please estimate based on the following information:*

The average bedding usage is 1 cubic foot/day/horse.

$$\# \text{ of horses} \times 1 \text{ cubic foot/day/horse} \times 30 \text{ days/month} / 27 \text{ cubic feet/cubic yard} = \text{Cubic yards/month}$$

For example if you have 3 horses, 3 horses x 1 cubic foot/horse/day x 30 days/month = 90 cubic feet/month

$$90 \text{ cubic feet/month} / 27 \text{ cubic feet/cubic yard} = 3.33 \text{ cubic yards/month}$$

Or, a shortcut: # of Horses x 30 cubic feet/month / 27 cubic feet/cubic yard = Cubic yards of bedding/month

M4. What is the total volume (cubic feet) of waste generated (manure + bedding) on a:

Daily basis _____

Weekly basis: _____

Monthly basis: _____

In the scenario above the total waste generated for 3 horses is 2.5 cubic yards/month of manure+ 3.3 cubic yards/month of bedding = 5.8 cubic yards/month of waste.

M5. How often are the following cleaned:

Stalls _____

Paddocks/corrals and/or turnouts _____

M6. What is the capacity of your storage areas for manure and other livestock-related waste (such as bedding)? _____ cubic feet

Describe as needed:

M7. Based on the answers provided above, how many days, weeks, or months worth of manure can the storage area contain? _____ days/weeks/months (circle one)

Describe as needed:

M8. Conservatively, how frequently should you empty out the storage area(s)? _____

M9. Do you or will you use sealed containers (dumpsters or steel container /drop box) to store your manure and spent shavings (bedding) until they are hauled offsite?

Yes (Please answer A through E below) No (Skip to question M10)

A. What type of containers? _____

B. What is the capacity? _____

C. How frequently are the emptied? _____

D. Who is the hauler/service provider? _____

E. Is there all-weather access?

Yes

No

If no, describe your contingency plan for loss of access due to weather or other causes (hauler unavailable).

Describe as needed:

M10. Do you or will you stockpile manure and spent bedding in a constructed storage area (manure bunker) or in open piles on the ground?

Manure bunker

Open piles (Consider practice #1, listed in Table M1 below)

Not Applicable.

A. Are manure storage areas located on high ground, above likely flood levels?

Yes

No (Consider practice #2, listed in table M1 below)

B. Describe the size (length, width, and height) and the capacity (cubic yards).

Length _____ feet Width _____ feet Height _____ feet

Capacity _____ cubic yards

C. Is the storage area covered by a roof?

Yes (answer questions a and b)

No (answer questions c and d)

a. What are the dimensions?

Length _____ feet

Width _____ feet

Height _____ feet

b. Does the roof drain water away from the storage area in a non-erosive manner?

Yes

No (Consider practice # 3, 4 and 5 in table M1 below)

c. Is the temporary cover (tarp) available for use when the pile is saturated?

Yes

No (Consider practice # 6 in table M1 below)

d. Is the storage area located on an impervious (water can't drain through it) surface?

Yes

No, answer 1 though 3 below.

i. How deep is the water table under or near the pile? _____

ii. What is the soil type and depth under or near the pile? _____

iii. How will you ensure that pollutants will not leach downward into the soil and groundwater? (Consider practice # 1 in table M1 below)

Describe as needed:

D. Is the surface runoff or runoff from slopes above storage area diverted around or drained away from the storage area in a non-erosive manner? (Consider practice #5, listed in Table M1 below)

Describe as needed:

a. Where does this water drain? How does it get there? (drainage, ditches, pipes, etc.)

Describe as needed:

M11. What best describes the area where your manure is stored?

_____ Flat or nearly flat land (slope <3%)

_____ Moderately sloping (slope 8-10%)

_____ Slightly sloping (slope 3-5%)

_____ Steep slope (>10%)

M12. Is there year round (all weather) access to the storage area?

Yes (Please describe below)

Describe as needed:

No, describe your contingency plan for periods without access? (Where else can you store it? Do you have a backup hauling plan?)

Describe as needed:

M13. Is your manure storage area located near a well, drainage way, spring, pond, creek or other waterbody?

Yes, (Please answer A through C below)

No.

A. How far is the nearest waterway/waterbody? _____ feet

B. Is there a vegetated (grass or other) filter strip between the storage area and the waterway/waterbody?

Yes

No (Consider practice # 7 in table M1 below)

C. Where do you take the manure/bedding when the storage area is emptied? _____

M14. Please list other manure stockpiling/storage plans or strategies not identified above.

Describe as needed:

Table M1: Conservation Practices for Manure Management

The following table provides an assortment of management practices that are intended to protect water quality. Implementation of all practices is not necessary or required. Selection of practices must be done on a site-specific basis and an assortment of practices to protect water quality and to suit your circumstance should be selected. NRCS Practice Titles are provided for your reference.

<i>Practice</i>	<i>NRCS Practice Title</i>	<i>Practice Implementation Date</i>	<i>Location (if, applicable)</i>
1. Construct a manure bunker			
2. Move manure storage areas to high ground			
3. Install roof gutters	Roof Runoff Structure (558)		
4. Install permanent vegetation at gutter outlet to reduce erosion	Grassed Waterway (412)		
5. Install rock at gutter outlet to reduce erosion	Roof Runoff Structure (558)		
6. Cover pile with tarp when saturated			
7. Plant a vegetative filter strip	Filter Strip (393)		

Nutrient and/or Compost Management

M15. Do you spread or plan to spread manure on site?

- Yes (Please answer A through I below and consider practices # 2 and 5 listed in Table M1 below)
- No

A. Will it be spread raw or will it be aged/composted?

- Spread Raw (Consider Practice #3 in Table M2 below)
- Aged/composted (Answer questions a and b below)

a. On-site composting takes place on a containment facility that collects any leachate.

- Yes
- No (Consider practice # 3, listed in Table M2 below)

Describe as needed:

b. Compost is monitored to reach temperatures necessary to eliminate pathogens (131°F for a minimum of 3 days enclosed or 15 days if windrowed).

- Yes
- No (Consider practice # 4, listed in Table M2 below)

Describe as needed:

B. Describe the location, frequency and method of spreading.

C. Is the manure being spread as fertilizer or soil conditioner or both? _____

D. Will it be disked? When? During the wet season or under what conditions?

E. What equipment is available to do this work? _____

F. What type of vegetation is present where and when the manure is to be spread?

G. How many years have you been spreading manure in the same location? _____

H. Describe your contingency plan if your storage capacity is exceeded before manure can be spread.

I. Is there a vegetative buffer strip or grass filter strip between the spreading area and drainage ways, wells, or water bodies to trap pollutants?

Yes No (Consider practice #5, listed in Table M2 below)

M16. Do you apply nutrients/fertilizers other than manure/composted manure?

Yes (List other sources and answer A though C below.) No

List:

A. Fertilizer amount and application timing is prescribed based on crop needs, identified by inspection and/or testing.

Yes No (Consider practices # 1, listed in Table M2 below)

Describe as needed:

B. Fertilizer(s) are applied and timed to reduce runoff and leaching.

Yes No (Consider practice # 2, listed in Table M2 below)

Describe as needed:

Table M2: Conservation Practices for Nutrient and/or Compost Management

The following table provides an assortment of management practices that are intended to protect water quality. Implementation of all practices is not necessary or required. Selection of practices must be done on a site-specific basis and an assortment of practices to protect water quality and to suit your circumstance should be selected. NRCS Practice Titles are provided for your reference.

<i>Practice</i>	<i>NRCS Practice Title</i>	<i>Implementation Date</i>	<i>Location (if, applicable)</i>
1. Consult and follow UCCE crop requirements	Nutrient Management (590)		
2. Time fertilizer application to reduce runoff and leaching	Nutrient Management (590)		
3. Compost animal manure on a containment facility	Composting Facility (317)		
4. Monitor compost temperature	Composting Facility (317)		
5. Plant a vegetative filter strip	Filter Strip (393)		

PASTURE MANAGEMENT

Background: Pastures are areas where grass is grown for forage for livestock and maintained to prevent erosion and protecting a pasture's soil and vegetative cover will help to maintain pasture productivity. Soil erosion usually occurs when vegetative cover is removed and soil is left unprotected during the winter months. Soil erosion in pastures is usually the result of poor grazing management. Over stocking a pasture and allowing livestock to graze forage down to bare ground is probably the single fastest way to destroy the pasture and soil resource. Livestock can be very disruptive to soil in other ways as well. If animals are allowed to graze during periods of irrigation or heavy rainfall they can compact the soil and destroy plant cover. Livestock trails can also cause the soil to erode especially on steeper slopes where runoff water finds its way into the ruts that are formed by the animals. Areas along water courses such as streambanks are particularly susceptible to erosion caused by livestock, especially if alternate watering facilities are not adequate. Riparian areas are also prone to overuse by livestock seeking shade and riparian growth to browse on. If livestock are not well distributed over the pasture the likelihood of overgrazing and potential for soil erosion becomes greater. Other areas that have the potential for erosion include paddocks, access roads, parking areas and adjacent fields where runoff from these unprotected surfaces is increased and concentrated.

Purpose: Identify practices currently in use and that are intended for implementation to:

- ✓ Maintain grass cover on pastures (can be dry grass at the end of the season) to protect soil from erosion and to maintain plant vigor.
- ✓ Limit livestock access to creeks and ponds when possible; provide other sources of drinking water.
- ✓ Provide extra protection in riparian areas to prevent erosion and over-use.
- ✓ Practice rotational grazing; divide up pastures and move livestock from one to another to allow pastures to rest and recover.
- ✓ Keep livestock out of the pastures during wet months or when forage is no longer available in pastures.
- ✓ Develop water sources, shade structures or other attractants to attract livestock to remote portions of pastures.
- ✓ Manage weeds for pasture health and animal health.

* Note: Pastures are distinguishable from "paddocks" in that paddocks are smaller in size and are considered confinement areas with little to no vegetative cover.

PM1. Do you have a dust management strategy?

Yes, describe below

No (Consider practices # 1 through 4, listed in Table PM1 below)

PM2. Do you have a mud management strategy?

Yes, describe below No (Consider practices # 1 through 5, listed in Table PM1 below)

PM3. Does livestock graze in pastures located on your property?

Yes (Please answer A below) No

A. Do you have more than one pasture?

Yes (Do you practice rotational grazing? _____)

No (Consider practice # 1 in Table PM1 below)

PM4. Do you board livestock that are kept in pastures full time that do not have access to stalls or a paddock?

Yes No

PM5. Does the livestock have direct, unlimited access to drainage ways, stream channels or ponds?

Yes (Consider practices # 4 through 7 in Table PM1 below) No

PM6. Is the livestock moved from the pastures when necessary to protect the pastures from erosion and damage to grass? (i.e. when the soil is saturated or when they have grazed it to 4 inches or lower.)

Yes No (Consider practices # 1 and 2 in Table PM1 below)

PM7. Please list any additional measures or practices you employ to protect your pastures from overgrazing and/or erosion?

PM8. Do you manage your pastures to limit or control weeds?

Yes No (Consider practice # 11 in Table PM1 below)

PM9. What type of shade is provided for livestock on pastures? How far is it located next to surface water? Is it the only shade available? (Consider practice # 3, 4 and 5 in Table PM1 below)

PM10. What water sources are provided for livestock on pastures? How far are they located from surface water? Please indicate water sources on your facility map. (Consider practices # 3, 4 and 5 in Table PM1 below)

PM11. Are pasture areas irrigated?

Yes (Consider practices # 8, 9 and 10 in Table PM1 below)

No

Table PM1: Conservation Practices for Pasture Management

The following table provides an assortment of management practices that are intended to protect water quality. Implementation of all practices is not necessary or required. Selection of practices must be done on a site-specific basis and an assortment of practices to protect water quality and to suit your circumstance should be selected. NRCS Practice Titles are provided for your reference.

<i>Practice</i>	<i>NRCS Practice Title</i>	<i>Practice Implementation Date</i>	<i>Location (if, applicable)</i>
1. Divide pastures for rotational grazing	Fence (382)		
2. Provide a stable, non eroding surface for areas frequently used by animals	Heavy Use Area Protection (561)		
3. Install walkways to change animal traffic patterns	Animal Trails and Walkways (575)		
4. To provide access to drinking water for livestock.	Watering Facility (614)		
5. Provide additional water sources to animals to improve distribution	Livestock Pipeline (516)		
6. Install riparian fencing to limit animal access to waterways	Fence (382)		

7.To provide protection against stream erosion	Riparian Forest Buffer (391)		
8.Keep irrigation water use records	Irrigation Water Management (449)		
9.Replace leaky pipes	Irrigation Water Management (449)		
10.Obtain an evaluation of the existing irrigation protection system	Irrigation System Evaluation (449)		
11. Consult UC Cooperative Extension Pest Management guidelines			

STORMWATER DRAINAGE AND CONFINEMENT AREAS

Background: Rainwater flowing across the land, or in channels or pipes is called Stormwater Runoff. If stormwater runoff is allowed to erode soil from bare areas or run through manured areas, it becomes polluted and must not be allowed to enter a stream. High use areas, such as buildings, corrals, arenas, paddocks, turnout areas, manure storage areas, etc., are areas that must be managed to keep clean water from becoming polluted. Diverting fresh water around high-use areas will keep the “clean water clean” and minimize the runoff from high-use areas. By keeping the size of high-use areas small, managing polluted water can be reduced. It is much easier to manage the clean water than treat the water once it becomes polluted.

Purpose: Identify practices currently in use and that are intended for implementation to:

- ✓ Keep clean water clean.
- ✓ Do not mix with waste water or allow to run through confinement areas or manure storage areas.
- ✓ Convey stormwater drainage such that erosion and soil loss are prevented

Roof Drainage

* Note there are approximately 7.5 gallons of water in a cubic foot. Therefore a 100 square feet (10 foot x -10 foot) of impervious area, such as a roof, will capture, yield approximately 62.5 gallons of rainwater with each inch of rainfall. This statistic may prove helpful in evaluating your current runoff management from barn and stall roofs.

SW1. Do you have gutters and down spouts on all barn, stall and paddock roofs?

Yes No (Consider practice #1 in Table SW1 below)

SW2. Do the down spouts tie into a drainage system that keeps the clean water away from contaminants such as manure, urine or bare ground?

Yes No (Consider practices # 2 and 3, listed in Table SW1 below)

SW3. If you do not have gutters on every building, is the clean water kept out of the contaminated areas (areas with manure, urine, or bare ground)?

Yes (If so, how?) No (Consider practices # 1 and 4 listed in Table SW1 below)

Describe as needed:

Property Drainage

SW4. Do you have drainage systems installed on your property?

Yes (Please indicate these systems on your site plan map) No

SW5. Do you have a back up plan in case of system failure? Please explain.

Yes No

Describe as needed:

SW6. Do all of the drainage systems that carry contaminated water outlet into a filter area? Please explain.

Yes No (Consider practice #5 in Table SW1 below)

Describe as needed:

SW7. Do you combine your clean and contaminated water into the same outlet area? Please explain.

Yes No

Describe as needed:

Table SW1: Conservation Practices for Management of Stormwater Drainage

The following table provides an assortment of management practices that are intended to protect water quality. Implementation of all practices is not necessary or required. Selection of practices must be done on a site-specific basis and an assortment of practices to protect water quality and to suit your circumstance should be selected. NRCS Practice Titles are provided for your reference.

<i>Practice</i>	<i>NRCS Practice Title</i>	<i>Practice Implementation Date</i>	<i>Location (if, applicable)</i>
1. Install roof gutters contaminated water	Roof Runoff Structure (558)		
2. Divert downspout water away from contaminated areas	Diversion (362)		
3. Tie down spouts into a drainage system	Roof Runoff Structure (558)		
4. Install a roof or cover to divert clean water from animal management areas	Roof and Covers (367)		
5. Plant a vegetative filter strip	Filter Strip (393)		

Confinement Areas

SW8. Are livestock maintained in open air (unroofed/uncovered) areas such as paddocks, turnouts, corrals, pipe pens, arenas etc.?

Yes (Please answer A through F below, and consider practice #1 in table SW2 below) No

A. How often are paddocks, corrals, arenas etc cleaned? _____

B. How are they cleaned? What equipment is used?

Describe as needed:

C. What is the approximate slope of the confinement areas?

D. Is there surface material applied to these areas? What kind in each area?

E. Is there adequate drainage in these confinement areas, or does water puddle or pond during and after storms?

Yes (Drainage is adequate) No (Consider practice # 2 in Table SW2 below)

F. Does water run through or into confinement areas from adjacent hillsides, adjacent roofs or other adjacent water sources?

Yes. (Please answer 1 through 4 below) No

1. Can this excess water be diverted away from the confinement area in a non-erosive manner?

Yes. Describe how. (Consider practices # 2 and 4 in Table SW2 below)

No

2. Describe measures to prevent puddling or ponding of water in confinement areas.

3. Does water run off the confinement area? Yes No

4. Does water drain to a drainage way, seasonal waterway or year round waterway?

Yes. Answer i through iii below. No

i. How far is the confinement area from the drainage way, creek stream, pond or other waterbody? Does the drainage way contain fish or other sensitive aquatic species?

ii. Is there a grass filter strip between the confinement area and drainage way to trap manure and soil particles?

Yes. Answer below and indicate on site map
 No (Consider practice #3 in Table SW1 below)

1. How wide is the filter strip? _____
2. What is the slope and vegetation condition in the filter strip?

iii. Describe measures to prevent manure and soil particles from confinement area from draining into waterways.

Table SW2: Conservation Practices for Management of Confinement Areas

The following table provides an assortment of management practices that are intended to protect water quality. Implementation of all practices is not necessary or required. Selection of practices must be done on a site-specific basis and an assortment of practices to protect water quality and to suit your circumstance should be selected. NRCS Practice Titles are provided for your reference.

<i>Practice</i>	<i>NRCS Practice Title</i>	<i>Practice Implementation Date</i>	<i>Location (if, applicable)</i>
1. Install a roof or cover to divert clean water from animal management areas	Roof and Covers (367)		
2. Alter ground surface to improve drainage and prevent clean water from mixing with contaminated water	Diversion (362)		
3. Install a vegetated filter strip	Filter Strip (393)		
4. Install a vegetative filter waterway	Grassed Waterway (412)		

WASH WATER

Background: Wash water is the runoff from water used to clean areas and/or structures on a ranch. Wash water can contain livestock medications, pesticides and other substance topically applied to the animals to treat hoof ailments, skin disorders, parasites, worms, etc. Runoff containing these substances should probably not be directed to a septic system, but sanitary sewers or properly-designed filter strips could help.

Purpose: Identify practices currently in use and that are intended for implementation to:

- ✓ Keep clean water clean
- ✓ Do not mix with waste water.
- ✓ Minimize the volume of wastewater produced.
- ✓ Drain waste water into septic systems, sewer systems or vegetated filter strips for treatment.
- ✓ Do not discharge waste water directly into storm drains, drainages, creeks, ponds, etc.

Livestock Areas

WW1: Do you have designated horse/livestock wash areas at your facility?

Yes (Indicate on your facility map and answer A though F below)

No

A. Is the wash area/facility located close enough to a drainage way, creek or pond that runoff enters a waterway rather than infiltrating?

Yes (How close? _____) (Consider practice # 1, listed in Table WW1 below)

No

B. Does the wash area have a hard surface with a drain? Yes No

C. Where does the wash water drain?

D. Is the wash water "treated" (discharged into a filter strip, settling pond, etc.) on site?

Yes. Describe below. No (Consider practice # 1, listed in Table WW1 below)

If wash water is treated in a filter strip describe the soil, slope and vegetation of the filter strip.

*Please make sure that the wash area, drainage and filter strips are shown on your site plan.

Stall Cleaning

WW2. Do you have indoor stalls with solid flooring, not soil or other permeable surface material?

Yes. Describe below. No

A. Do you wash out your stalls with water containing soap or other chemicals?

Yes (Consider practices # 1 and 2 listed in Table WW1 below.) No

B. How often and for what reasons is stall washing done?

C. Where does wash water drain?

D. What is the plan for treating dirty water? (Consider practices # 1 and 2 listed in Table WW1 below)

Table WW1: Conservation Practices for Management of Wash Water

The following table provides an assortment of management practices that are intended to protect water quality. Implementation of all practices is not necessary or required. Selection of practices must be done on a site-specific basis and an assortment of practices to protect water quality and to suit your circumstance should be selected. NRCS Practice Titles are provided for your reference.

<i>Practice</i>	<i>NRCS Practice Title</i>	<i>Practice Implementation</i>	<i>Location (if, applicable)</i>
1. Install a vegetated filter strip	Filter Strip (393)		
2. Install a grassed waterway	Grassed Waterway (412)		

NATURAL WATERWAYS, NON-ROADSIDE DITCHES, AND SPILLWAYS

Waterways, channels and streams, swales, ditches, and riparian areas are sensitive to agricultural, forest, and other land use activities and practices. These waterways also may act as a conduit for sediment and other pollutants. Healthy riparian zones provide a number of environmental benefits and may protect streambanks from erosion. Riparian areas also buffer waterways from the effects of potential nutrient, pesticide, pathogen and sediment runoff.

Purpose: Describe the condition of natural stream channels, riparian areas, and human-made waterways (non-roadside ditches and pond/basin spillways) on the property including the rate of bed and/or bank erosion, channel incision, head-cutting and the condition of human-made structures in the channel. Describe the conservation practices being implemented to protect waterways from water quality degradation.

W1. The waterways on the property that are on or adjacent to the ranch facility are:

All natural
 Mixed
 All non-roadside ditches and spillways
 No Waterways

W2. Complete this inventory of waterways on the property

Waterway Name (Labeled on Map)	Channel Top Width (ft) 0-10, 11-25, 26-50, 51-100, 101-200, 200+	Channel Condition Stable, incising, head cutting, widening, aggrading/bank slough	Riparian Corridor Width 0-10, 11-25, 26-50, 51-100, 101-200, 200+	Riparian Corridor Minimal, sparse vegetation, dense veg, overgrown

W3. Equine facilities are set back from waterways by the minimum distance required by County regulations (or greater distance).

- Yes Some waterways No (Consider practice #7, listed in Table W1 below)

Describe as needed:

W4. Other activities and/or features (e.g. vegetation removal, equipment turnarounds) within County-required setbacks are in compliance with County requirements.

Describe as needed:

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W5. Riparian Areas have vegetative cover.

- All banks
 Some banks
 No Banks (Consider practices # 3 and 4, listed in Table W1 below)
 Not Applicable

Describe as needed:

W6. The riparian canopy along natural waterways provides shade to the waterway.

- All banks
 Some banks
 No Banks (Consider practices # 1 through 4, listed in Table W1 below)
 Not Applicable

Describe as needed:

W7. Erosion sites along waterway banks are being treated and/or managed to restore and/or maintain natural channel function.

- All banks
 Some banks
 No Banks (Consider practices # 1 through 5, listed in Table W1 below)
 Not Applicable

Describe as needed:

W8.Agricultural supplies (heaters, trellis parts, irrigation supplies, machinery, etc.) are stored outside of the required waterway setback during winter months.

- All supplies
- Some supplies
- No supplies (Consider practice #7, listed in Table W1 below)

Describe as needed:

Table W1: Conservation Practices to Reduce Erosion in Natural Waterways

The following table provides an assortment of management practices that are intended to protect water quality. Implementation of all practices is not necessary or required. Selection of practices must be done on a site-specific basis and an assortment of practices to protect water quality and to suit your circumstance should be selected. NRCS Practice Titles are provided for your reference.

<i>Practice</i>	<i>NRCS Practice Title</i>	<i>Implementation Date</i>	<i>Location (if, applicable)</i>
1.Consult a Professional	Streambank Protection (580)		
2.Establish new riparian plantings	Irrigation System, Sprinkler (442)		
3.Remove invasive riparian plants	Restoration & Management of Declining Habitats (643)		
4.Establish native riparian trees and shrubs	Riparian Forest Buffer (391)		
5.Establish native riparian grasses and forbs	Riparian Herbaceous Cover (390)		
6.Install a rock lined basin to dissipate hydraulic energy	Structure for Water Control (587)		
7.Provide more space to the stream by setting back structures			
7.Establish an agricultural supply yard away from the waterway			
Other:			

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W9. Riparian areas have a variety of native vegetation that includes grasses, forbs, trees and shrubs.

- All banks
- Some banks
- No banks (Consider practices # 3 and 4, listed in Table W2 below)
- Not Applicable

Describe as needed:

W10. Riparian areas have non-native/invasive plants.

- All banks (Consider practices # 1 through 4, listed in Table W2 below)
- Some banks
- No Banks
- Not Applicable

Describe as needed:

W11. There are structures within waterways known or suspected to cause obstruction to fish passage.

- Yes (Consider practices # 1 and 5, listed in Table W2 below)
- No
- Not Applicable

Describe:

W12. There is habitat complexity with the stream channel, including deep pools that stay wet even if/when the rest of the stream channel is dry and structures such as wood, boulders, and over-hanging roots that slow down fast-moving water in high flows and provide shelter in pools when flows are lower.

- All waterways
- Some waterways
- No waterways (Consider practices # 1 and 6, listed in Table W2 below)
- Not Applicable

Describe as needed:

Table W2: Conservation Practices to Enhance Native Vegetation, Fish and Wildlife Habitat in Natural Waterways and Riparian Areas

The following table provides an assortment of management practices that are intended to enhance waterways and riparian areas. Implementation of all practices is not necessary or required. Selection of practices must be done on a site-specific basis and an assortment of practices to protect water quality and to suit your circumstance should be selected. NRCS Practice Titles are provided for your reference.

<i>Practice</i>	<i>NRCS Practice Title</i>	<i>Implementation Date</i>	<i>Location (if, applicable)</i>
1.Consult a Professional			
2.Remove invasive riparian plants	Restoration & Management of Declining Habitats (643)		
3.Establish native riparian trees and shrubs	Riparian Forest Buffer (391)		
4.Establish native riparian grasses and forbs	Riparian Herbaceous Cover (390)		
5.Modify instream structures to improve fish passage	Stream Habitat Improvement and Management (395)		
6. Install in-stream structures to enhance habitat	Stream Habitat Improvement and Management (395)		
7.Provide more space to the stream by setting back vines			
Other:			

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W13.Ditch beds are stable (not sloughing, downcutting, nor eroding).

- All banks
- Some banks
- No Banks (Consider practices # 1 through 6, listed in Table W3 below)
- Not Applicable

Describe as needed:

Table W3: Conservation Practices to Reduce Erosion and Manage Stability and Conveyance in Non-Roadside Ditches

The following table provides an assortment of management practices that are intended to protect water quality. Implementation of all practices is not necessary or required. Selection of practices must be done on a site-specific basis and an assortment of practices to protect water quality and to suit your circumstance should be selected. NRCS Practice Titles are provided for your reference.

Practice	NRCS Practice Title	Implementation Date	Location (if, applicable)
1.Consult a Professional			
2.Establish native grasses and forbs	Riparian Herbaceous Cover (390)		
3.Line an eroding swale or diversion ditch	Lined waterway or outlet		
4.Install rock check structures to dissipate hydraulic energy	Structure for Water Control		
5.Plant a vegetative filter waterway	Grassed Waterway		
Other:			

Managing Erosion from On-Farm Pond/Basin Spillways

W14. There is an on-farm pond or basin (including sediment and attenuation basins) on the ranch facility.

Yes

No

Describe as needed:

W15. Open channel spillways are stable (not eroding) and/or properly armored to prevent erosion.

All Spillways

Some spillways

No spillways (Consider practices # 1 through 5, listed in Table W4 below)

Not Applicable, all spillways are piped

Describe as needed:

W16. Piped and open channel spillways from on-farm ponds contain pond overflows.

- All Spillways
- Some spillways
- No spillways (Consider practices # 6 and 7, listed in Table W4 below)
- Not Applicable, all spillways are open channels.

Describe as needed:

W17. The alignments of spillway outlets, both piped and open channel, are in line with the downstream waterway.

- All Spillways
- Some spillways
- No spillways (Consider practice # 8, listed in Table W4 below)
- Not Applicable

Describe as needed:

W18. Spillways, pipe and open channel, from on-farm ponds have energy dissipaters prior to re-entering the downstream waterway.

- All Spillways
- Some spillways
- No spillways (Consider practices # 5 and 6, listed in Table W4 below)
- Not Applicable

Describe as needed:

Table W4: Conservation Practices to Manage Spillways

The following table provides an assortment of management practices that are intended to protect water quality. Implementation of all practices is not necessary or required. Selection of practices must be done on a site-specific basis and an assortment of practices to protect water quality and to suit your circumstance should be selected. NRCS Practice Titles are provided for your reference.

<i>Practice</i>	<i>NRCS Practice Title</i>	<i>Implementation Date</i>	<i>Location (if, applicable)</i>
1.Consult a Professional			
2.Install a rock weir to control in-channel flow	Grad Stabilization Structure (410)		
3.Widen/enlarge the spillway	Pond		
4.Stabilize the open channel spillway	Pond		
5.Plant a vegetative filter waterway	Grassed Waterway (412)		
6.Install a rock lined plunge basin	Structure for Water Control (587)		
7.Install bank protection at the spillway outlet	Streambank Protection (580)		
8.Realign the existing spillway with the downstream waterway	Pond		
Other:			

ROADS AND CROSSINGS (IF APPLICABLE)

Background: Roads that drain toward waterways can be major contributors of sediment. Roads must be safe to travel while having a minimal effect on waterways in the watershed. Practices to address erosion from roads aim to reduce the concentration of flow from roads, slowing the rate of water running off of the land and discharging accumulated waters more frequently to areas away from waterways.

Purpose: To identify practices currently in use and intended for implementation to slow, spread and sink runoff from the roads with slopes of 5% and greater. Identify priority road reaches that may discharge directly to waterways (hydrologically connected) so that no more than 25% of roads are connected in 20 years.

ROADS ON THE PROPERTY

R1. Roads on the property cross waterways.

Yes (Please complete the Road Stream Crossing Data Form that follows. Please make a copy of the data form for each crossing.)

No (Skip this section)

DATA FORM R1. ROAD STREAM CROSSING DATA FORM

Complete this data form for each place that roads cross a waterway. Make a copy of the form, including treatment options if applicable, for each crossing.

ROAD STREAM CROSSING DATA FORM (2014)						
GENERAL	Site #:	Mapped (Y/N):	Road ID/Name:	Landowner:	Date:	Site located up-stream of pond/reservoir (Y,N):

CROSSING TYPE	Bridge (if so then go to Bridge, Arch, Box info section)		Bottomless Arch (if so then go to Bridge, Arch, Box info section)		Box culvert (if so then go to Bridge, Arch, Box info section)	
	Culvert (if so then go to Culvert info section)			Oval culvert (if so then go to Culvert info section)		
	Ford (if so than go to Ford or Armored Fill info section)			Armored Fill (if so than go to Ford or Armored Fill info section)		
	Fill (if so then go to Fill or Pulled info section)			Pulled crossing (if so then go to Fill or Pulled info section)		
	Photos taken (Y, N):					
Bridge, Arch, Box info:	Bridge/Arch/Box/ height (ft):		Bridge/Arch/Box/ width (ft):		Wing walls (90°&15°, 30°-75°, 0 extension up ch.)	
Culvert info	Circular culvert diam (in):	Oval culvert height (in):	Oval culvert width (in):	Culvert type (P, S, A, C):	Trash rack type (none, SP, MP, Screen): If none or Screen see treatment options A9, A10.	
	Headwall height (ft):	Rust/silt line at inlet (in): If greater than 50% of diameter see treatment options A2, A6.		Culvert grade (%): If significantly shallower then stream grade see treatment option A6.	Inlet (O, C, P, R): If C, P, or R see treatment options A1, A5, A6.	

	Plug potential (H, M, L) If M or H see treatment options A1, A5, A6.	Interior (O, C, R, or S): If C, R, or S see treatment options A1, A5, A6.	Are fill slopes actively eroding (Y, N): If yes see treatment option A11, A13, A14.	Outlet (O, C, P, R): If C, or R see treatment options A1, A5, A6
	Does the stream channel below outlet appear to be scoured (Y, N): If yes see treatment option A12.	Is culvert in line with stream channel (Y, N): If no see treatment option A6.	Diversion potential (Y, N, Critical dip present): If yes see treatment options A7, A8.	
Ford or Armored Fill info	Is crossing dipped wide enough to keep flows within natural stream channel (Y, N): If no see treatment option A1		At Armored Fill crossing is armor adequate enough to prevent fill material from eroding (Y, N): If no see treatment option A11.	
Fill or Pulled Crossing info	Does crossing look to be actively eroding (Y, N): If yes see treatment options A1, A2, A3, A4, A6.			

STREAM INFO	Avg. stream grade (%):	Avg. stream channel width (ft):	Average steam channel depth (ft):
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ROAD DRAINAGE TO STREAM CROSSING	Left road length(s) draining down to site (ft): If greater than 150ft see Contributing road Length Treatments section	Avg. width (ft):	Road Surface (paved, rocked, native):	Road use (Year round, Dry weather, No recent use):
	Right road length(s) draining down to site (ft): If greater than 150ft see Contributing road Length Treatments section	Avg. width (ft):	Road Surface (native, rocked, paved):	Road use (Year round, Seasonal, No recent use):

COMMENT ON STREAM CROSSING AND ASSOCIATED ROAD LENGTH(S):
COMMENT ON OTHER ROAD RELATED ISSUES THAT YOU WOULD LIKE ADDRESSED:

ROAD STREAM CROSSING DATA FORM INSTRUCTIONS AND DEFINITIONS

GENERAL

Site#: Please assign a number to each site

Sites are defined as features that may deliver sediment to a stream channel. A **Stream crossing** (or crossing) is where a road crosses a natural drainage channel or unchanneled swale. In this data form the term *site* refers to a *stream crossing* or *crossing*.

Mapped: has the site location been identified on a map? (Yes or No):

Road ID/Name: give each road on the property an individual name or numeric identifier so that sites can be grouped for future treatment.

Landowner: give the name of the landowner or public agency so that sites can be grouped for future treatment.

Date: Record the date that this site was assessed (mm/dd/yy).

Site located up-stream of a pond/reservoir: is the site located on a stream channel that drains down into a pond or reservoir (Yes, No)

CROSSING TYPE

Please circle the type of crossing at the site. If there are different types of drainage features at a crossing then check each. Definitions of each crossing type follow.

Bridge is a bottomless structure that has abutments built on both of the stream banks or uses the natural stream banks as abutments.

Bottomless Arch culvert is a bottomless structure that has abutments built down by the active stream channel. The difference of this structure from a bridge is that it is usually a continuous arch from the active channel up to its apex.

Box culvert functions much like a bridge except that it has a bottom built into it. Most box culverts do not have abutments associated with them. They are usually placed in the stream channel and have fill material compacted around them.

Culvert is a circular pipe or structure that is placed in the stream channel to convey flows under fill material that is compacted around it.

Oval culvert is the same as above but is an oval shape.

Ford crossing (wet crossing) is designed so that the vehicle travels across the stream bed. No fill or armor material is placed in the stream bed to accommodate the crossing.

Armored fill usually constructed on streams with high stream banks that would require the excavation of substantial ramps to get vehicles down to the streambed. An armored fill crossing (wet crossing) is designed so that the stream flow travels across the road prism but the road fill is armored with rock, concrete or other hardened materials so that the fill material cannot be eroded by the stream flows.

Fill crossing (wet crossing) is a stream crossing where the road crosses a stream and no drainage structure has been constructed. This definition may also apply to stream crossings that have drainage structures but they have failed or washed out to the point that the drainage structure is no longer functioning. These crossing types are assumed to be actively eroding.

Pulled crossing is a stream crossing that has been decommissioned in the past. Decommissioned stream crossings are crossings whose drainage structure and fill materials have been excavated (pulled) from the stream channel, allowing for the stream to flow through the area as it had before the road was constructed. These crossings may need to be evaluated to determine if adverse 'adjustments' are occurring at the site and further treatment would be needed to reduce sediment delivery.

Photos taken (Y, N): photos can be very helpful in describing current conditions of a site and can also be used to document changes over time. It is usually helpful if there is a photo of the up-stream and down-stream sides of the crossing as well as the road approaches to the crossing. There is a section in the LandSmart plan that allows for photo descriptions. Descriptions should include what is in the photo (ex. inlet, outlet, left road, right road, etc.) and at what location the photo was taken (ex. up-stream of the inlet, on right bank, in center of crossing on the road, etc.). The use of a GPS or marking on a map the locations of the photo points can help in re-occupying these locations.

BRIDGE, ARCH, BOX INFO

Bridge/Arch/Box/ height (ft): is a measurement in feet from the stream channel to the bottom of the structure. If the structure is an arch then give the maximum height. The purpose of this measurement is to determine capacity of the crossing.

Bridge/Arch/Box/ width (ft): is a measurement in feet of the width of void space of the structure,

usually the side walls or the abutments. If the abutments are sloping then give the average width. If the crossing is an arch then give the max width. The purpose of this measurement is to determine capacity of the crossing.

Wing walls (90°&15°, 30°-75°, 0 extension up channel): some of these stream crossings may have concrete or rock walls projecting beyond the inlet. How these walls are constructed influence the capacity of the stream crossing. The angle of the wall you are asked to describe are relative to stream flow. So a 90° wall would be perpendicular to stream flow and a 0° wall would be parallel.

CULVERT INFO

Circular culvert diameter: is measured in inches. Circular culverts usually come in sizes of 6" increments. The diameter should be given as it was constructed and not the diameter relative to how crushed or buried it may be. If there are multiple culverts at the crossing give the diameter of each.

Oval culvert height: is measured in inches. Give the maximum height as the culvert was constructed and not relative to how crushed or buried it may be. If there are multiple culverts at the crossing give the height of each.

Oval culvert width: is measured in inches. Give the maximum width as the culvert was constructed and not relative to how crushed or buried it may be. If there are multiple culverts at the crossing give the width of each.

Culvert type: give the type of material the culvert is made of; plastic, steel, aluminum, or concrete. If there are multiple types of culverts at the site then check each type.

Trash rack type: (none present, single post, multiple post, screen). A ***trash rack*** is placed above the inlet of the culvert and is used to reduce plugging of the culvert by debris. Also see *plug potential* below.

Headwall height: is given in vertical feet, to the nearest ½ foot increment. The headwall height is measured from the bottom of the culvert inlet/stream bed to the location where, if the crossing were to flood, the flow would exit into the inboard ditch or onto the road surface. This location may or may not be directly above the culvert inlet, this is dependent on how the road travels through the crossing. This measurement can be achieved by using a measuring tape and clinometer. Take the slope angle (degrees) and the length (feet).

$$\text{Slope } \sin(\text{length}) = \text{vertical height}$$

Rust or silt line at inlet: The height of the rust/silt line at the inlet gives an indication of the average flow depth that the crossing receives. A rust/silt line greater than 50% of the diameter of the culvert

may be an indicator that the crossing is undersized. Though rust/silt line height may also be a result of how shallow the culvert is relative to stream channel grade.

Culvert grade: measured in percent grade. Use a hand held clinometer and look through the inlet or outlet of the culvert to determine its grade. The reason for collecting this data is to see if the culvert is significantly shallower than the stream grade. Culverts that are significantly shallower tend to have greater plug potential.

Inlet: is it open, crushed, plugged and/or rusted? For the inlet to be defined as *crushed* or *plugged* it should be greater than 20%. For the inlet to be defined as *rusted* you should observe rust holes through the culvert.

Plug potential: at the inlet. Culverted stream crossings tend to have a higher plug potential than other sites because their void space is usually narrower than the stream channel. Another way to think of a culverted stream crossing is as an 'earthen dam with a hole at the bottom'. It is important to remember that stream channels do not just transport water but also carry woody debris and sediments. Some of the factors to consider when determining plug potential are:

- 1) *Setting.* Is the crossing in a forested, chaparral, or grassland setting? The more woody material in the stream channel above the crossing the greater the plug potential.
- 2) *Culvert grade relative to stream grade.* The shallower the culvert grade is relative to stream grade the more likely woody debris and sediments are to settle out at the inlet.
- 3) *Trash rack at inlet.* If there is no trash rack above the inlet and the culvert diameter is smaller than the stream channel width you have an increased likelihood of plugging. A single post trash rack above the inlet can greatly reduce the likelihood of woody material plugging the inlet of a culvert. Multiple posts above the inlet can also reduce plug potential but they may also initiate scour around the outer posts as material collects along the posts. Having a screen across the inlet of your culvert can actually increase plug potential because you are preventing any material to pass through the culvert.

Interior: is it open, crushed, plugged, rusted, and/or separated? For the interior to be defined as *crushed* or *plugged* it should be greater than 20%. For the interior to be defined as *rusted* you should observe rust holes through the culvert bottom. *Separation:* culverts usually come in 20' lengths, over time these sections can become uncoupled and allow flow to exit the culvert. If the interior of the culvert cannot be observed from either the inlet or outlet due to the condition of either of these locations than assume the same condition for the interior as either of the openings.

Are fill slopes actively eroding: Yes or No. Based upon observations of the fill slopes around the culvert inlet and outlet are they:

- 1) Showing signs of rilling or Gullying?
- 2) Do you see tension cracks or slumps?
- 3) Or are the fillslopes well protected with vegetation, rock armor, concrete or other hardscape?

Outlet: is it open, crushed, plugged and/or rusted? For the outlet to be defined as *crushed* or *plugged* it should be greater than 20%. For the outlet to be defined as *rusted* you should observe rust holes through the culvert.

Does the stream channel below outlet appear to be scoured: Yes or No. This is usually the case when the outlet of the culvert is a substantial vertical distance above the stream channel, often referred to as 'shot-gunned'. When the culvert outlet is shot-gunned the water coming out of it can scour out the channel below and cause the surrounding stream banks to fail.

Is culvert in line with stream channel: Yes or No. above inlet does the stream have to make a sharp turn to enter the culvert? Is the outlet pointed at either of the stream banks? These situations will help you to determine whether or not the culvert is aligned with the stream channel.

Diversion potential: Yes, No or Critical dip present. Usually only exists at culverted stream crossings. You would answer *Yes* there is diversion potential if the crossing floods at the inlet, water would flow down the road or inboard ditch beyond the stream crossing's hinge line, even if it would re-enter the same natural stream channel at some distance downslope. You would answer there is *No* diversion potential if the water would flow straight across the road and spill back into the same stream channel. The presence of a critical dip to reduce diversion potential would allow you to answer *No* to diversion potential. See section of 'Road lengths draining down to site for further check.

STREAM INFO

Average stream grade: is given in % slope and is an average of the overall grade. Enter the average slope of the stream channel upstream from the site beyond any aggraded sediments that may exist near the inlet of the crossing.

Average stream channel width (ft): is given in feet. This measurement is achieved by walking up-channel from the stream crossing, beyond any aggraded sediments. The average width is determined by measuring the channel bottom width, the top of bank width and dividing by 2 ($(W^1+W^2)/2$). In smaller stream channels there may be only one width observable.

Average stream channel depth (ft): is given in feet. This measurement is calculated at the same location as the previous section. Measure the height from the channel bottom to the top of bank (bank full).

ROAD DRAINAGE TO STREAM CROSSING

If you are using a map that can be written on it may be helpful to map all road/avenue lengths draining down to each site. This can be done by using a bracket ([]) symbol to indicate start of road length with an arrow symbol (→) pointing toward the site. Ex. [→ → site# ← ←]

Road lengths draining down to the site: Standing on the road surface, above the stream crossing and looking down stream, record the total distance of road length(s) draining down to the site. *Left* road length and *Right* road length are relative to looking down stream. Include road intersections and spur road lengths. If the road continues downhill through the site then cut-off your road length at the site and count the road length draining away as 0ft. Road surface drainage features that effectively end the road length include functional waterbars, rolling dips, and natural drainage break (divides and dips). If a culverted stream crossing has 0 Left or Right road length s draining to the site then the crossing has *Diversion potential*.

Average width: of the road length(s) draining down to the site, measured in feet. Take a represented measurement of the width of the road from the cutbank to the outside edge of the road prism.

Road surface: *Paved* roads have either asphalt or concrete surface and is adequately covered to protect against rain-drop impact and allows for wet-season use. *Rocked* roads/avenues have a surface that is adequately covered with road-base rock to protect against rain-drop impact and allows wet-season use. *Grassed* avenues are adequately covered (during rainy season) with vegetation to protect against rain drop impact. *Native* roads/avenues are unsurfaced or dirt, with minimal vegetative cover, even though they may contain some natural rock.

Road use: *Year round* use means roads/avenues are driven when they are wet. *Dry weather* use means the roads/avenues are not driven when they are wet. *Turn around* use means that the avenue is not driven but rather used as a tractor turn around between vine rows. *No recent use* is for roads that have not been driven in at least the past 5 years.

COMMENTS ON PROBLEM

This is an optional field. This section is available for you to describe in more detail characteristics of the site that may or may not have been covered earlier in the data form. The summary comments for each site generally describe the nature of the erosion problem as well as other important site characteristics. Remember there is a real difference between the cause and the symptom of many erosion problems. Wherever feasible, it is important to treat the cause of the problem rather than the symptom. You may want to refer to specific photos of the site in this section as well. A discussion on the historical maintenance needs of the site may help in determining treatment options and prioritization.

COMMENTS ON OTHER ROAD RELATED ISSUES

This is an optional field. This section is available for you to describe other road related issues that you have been experiencing but were not covered in this data form. These issues may be transportation concerns or chronic maintenance site that may or may not have impacts to water quality.

RCD use only	Fish barrier (NA, N, P, D):	Q:	Undersized (Y, N, Site requires further engineering to determine capacity):	Recommended size:	Site requires further engineering to determine capacity and or fish passage.
	Total chronic erosion vol. (yds ³):	Eposodic future volume (yds ³):	Episodic Erosion Potential (H, M, L)	Total future erosion vol. (yds ³):	
	Treat Priority. (H, M, L, No treat):	ASAP (Y, N):	Upgrade	Decommission	

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Fish barrier if anadromy is known or likely on the section of the stream that the site is located then a fisheries biologist should be consulted to determine if the crossing is a barrier to fish passage. *Non-applicable* would be selected to identify that the site is not located on an anadromous stream. *No* means that the structure does not inhibit fish passage for all life stages of anadromous fish species. *Partial* means a barrier to anadromous fish species at some or all life stages or at certain flow events. *Definite* means a complete barrier to anadromous fish migration.

Q is the discharge at the stream crossing for a given storm event. This value can be derived by using a variety of methods such as the Rational Method or USGS Regional Regression Equations.

Undersized once you have determined the discharge at the site you can now look at the existing capacity of the crossing and determine if it is undersized. Answer *Yes, No or need further engineering*. Stream crossings draining larger watershed areas may require engineering beyond the abilities of the RCD to determine the best design. See Cost effectiveness in *Treatment priority* section.

Recommended size if the crossing is undersized then based upon the discharge of the site what is the recommended size or void space to adequately drain the stream.

Site requires further engineering for fish passage design. Stream crossings draining larger watershed areas or that are along anadromous stretches of streams may require engineering beyond the abilities of the RCD to determine the best design. See Cost effectiveness in *Treatment priority* section.

Chronic erosion volume is measured in cubic yard on either an annual or decadal timeline. Chronic erosion is sediment production from road surfaces and cutbanks during storm events that produce runoff. This erosional process is termed chronic because it occurs annually. Chronic erosion is calculated by taking the road length and multiplying that by a width and surface lowering rate. This erosion will occur through a combination of:

- 1) Cutbank erosion (i.e., dry ravel, rainfall, freeze-thaw processes, cutbank failures).
- 2) Inboard ditch erosion and sediment transport.
- 3) Mechanical pulverizing and wearing down of unpaved road surface.
- 4) Erosion of unpaved road surface if driven during wet weather periods.

Episodic erosion volume is measured in cubic yards. Stream crossing wash-out is termed ***episodic*** because it occurs in response to storm events or other triggers. This erosion may occur once, or in pulses over an indeterminate time period. The volume of fill material with the stream crossing will need to be determined by doing a volume calculation. The fill volume within the stream crossing is always assumed to be 100% delivery to the stream system.

If a stream crossing is identified as being adequately sized and looked to be structurally intact, then it is considered 'storm-proofed'. Therefore no future ***episodic*** erosion volume will be assigned to that site.

Stream crossings with diversion potential make it difficult to accurately determine episodic erosion volume. When this occurs the roadbed, hillslope, and/or stream channel that receive the diverted flow may become deeply gullied or destabilized. Road and hillslope gullies can develop and enlarge quickly and deliver large quantities of sediment to stream channels. Stream flow that is diverted onto steep unstable slopes may also trigger hillslope landslides and large debris flows. Because of the variability of erosion that can occur due to diverted stream flows it is difficult to accurately determine the future erosion volume at these sites. For the purpose of this data form, the episodic erosion volume at stream crossings with diversion potential will be quantified the same way as stream crossings without diversion potential.

Episodic erosion potential only applies to the ***episodic*** erosion volume because the ***chronic*** erosion volume is assumed to be occurring annually. Episodic erosion potential is a qualitative evaluation of the

likelihood of the stream crossing to wash-out, during a given storm event(s), based on surficial observations. It is a subjective probability estimate, expressed as “low,” “moderate,” or “high,” and not an estimate of how much erosion is likely to occur. More than one erosional process may be occurring at a site, therefore the erosion potential should reflect the most important erosional feature or mechanism. Factors to observe in determining erosion potential are:

- 1) Gullyng or eroding fillslopes.
- 2) Tension cracks or slumps observed on the fillslopes or road surface.
- 3) Are the fillslopes well protected with rock armor, concrete or other hardscape?
- 4) How undersized a crossing is for a given storm event.
- 5) At culverted crossings, how significantly; crushed, plugged, separated, or rusted through is the culvert.
- 6) Erosion potential is also a function of stream power relative to the amount of fill in the stream crossing. But don't underestimate stream power for large storm events.
- 7) Road use. If the road is unused then it is assumed that erosional processes are occurring unchecked. Therefore given enough time, even low erosion potential factors can completely wash-out a stream crossing.

Total future erosion volume is the sum of the episodic and chronic erosion volumes for each site.

Treatment priority is a professional evaluation of how important it is to quickly perform erosion control or erosion prevention work at a site. It is an integral part of an assessment because it is the basis for prioritizing treatment sites prior to implementation. Treatment priority is designated as “high,” “moderate,” or “low,” indicating the relative degree of urgency to treat the site before it erodes or fails. Sites that require further engineering to determine capacity will not be given a treatment priority until such work has been done. Criteria for evaluating treatment priority include:

- 1) *Erosion potential*, or whether there is a low, moderate, or high likelihood for future **episodic** erosion at a site. Remember that only the **episodic** erosion volume has an erosion potential whereas the **chronic** erosion volume is assumed to be occurring on an annual basis.
- 2) *Sediment delivery volume*, which is an estimate of the sediment volume projected to be eroded from the site and the associated road lengths. It is entirely possible to have large **episodic** erosion volumes but because it has a *low* erosion potential, the site may be classified with a low (L), moderate-low (ML) or moderate (M) treatment priority.
- 3) *Diversion potential* at culverted stream crossings. These sites should be given a higher treatment priority than sites with similar characteristics but without diversion potential.
- 4) *Stream crossing capacity*, whether it is undersized or not for a given storm event (example the 100-year peak storm flow). This should be looked at on a magnitude basis, i.e. ‘how much is the crossing undersized for a given storm event. Crossing sizing not only determines its capacity to carry water during peak flows but also influences plug potential.

- 5) *Evaluation of the sites for fish passage* on anadromous streams. If the site poses a barrier to salmonid fish migration then the site should receive a “High” treatment priority regardless of its erosion volume or potential. Also take into consideration the amount and quality of habitat that would be made available.
- 6) The *value or sensitivity of downstream resources* being protected. In general, all sites located up stream of an instream pond or reservoir are identified as ‘disconnected’ and should be given a *Low* treatment priority. These sites are deemed ‘disconnected’ from the anadromous portions of the watershed because these instream structures act as sediment basins for upstream erosional process and are barriers to anadromous fish species.
- 7) *Cost effectiveness* may be analyzed, along with transportation needs, to prioritize treatment sites or locations for implementation. Cost effectiveness is not only a necessary consideration for environmental protection and restoration projects for which funding may be limited, but is also an accepted and well-documented tool for prioritizing potential treatment sites in an area. A quantitative estimate for cost effectiveness is determined by dividing the cost of accessing and treating a site by the volume of sediment prevented from being delivered to local stream channels (the sediment savings). The resulting value provides a comparison of cost-effectiveness among sites, and an average for the entire project area. For example, if the cost to develop access and treat an eroding stream crossing is projected to be \$5,000, and the treatment will potentially prevent 500 yd³ of sediment from reaching the stream channel, the predicted cost effectiveness for that site would be $\$5,000/500\text{yd}^3$, or $\$10/\text{yd}^3$. At sites that pose barriers to anadromous fish passage, cost effectiveness could be looked at from the standpoint of amount and quality of upstream habitats that would be made available to the species.

ASAP treat as soon as possible (Yes or NO). This would exceed a ‘High’ treatment priority and would suggest an emergency fix.

Upgrade would indicate that the treatment recommended for storm proofing would incorporate continued vehicle use and maintenance of drainage features.

Decommission could be a suggestion made if the landowner indicated that the road had not been used in the last 5 years. This would indicate that the treatment recommended for storm proofing would incorporate the idea of long term winterization where vehicles would no longer travel these sections. Road decommissioning is a cost effective way to storm proof a road because it does not require regular maintenance of drainage features. It should be noted that road decommissioning, like road upgrading, does require monitoring for the first couple of years and after large storm events to ensure no significant adjustments have occurred in the treatment areas. Road decommissioning should not be thought of a *permanent* closure because the road prism still exists and the stream crossings could have new drainage features installed if the road were needed again. See typical drawing 14.

Table R1: Treatment Options to Reduce Erosion and Manage Stability at Stream Crossings

The following table provides an assortment of treatment options that are intended to protect water quality. Implementation of all options is not necessary or required. Selection of options must be done on a site-specific basis and an assortment of practices to protect water quality and to suit your circumstance should be selected. NRCS Practice Titles are provided for your reference and you may contact your local NRCS or RCD field office for technical assistance.

<i>Practices (at stream crossing)</i>	<i>NRCS Practice Title</i>	<i>Implementation Date</i>	<i>Location Site#</i>
1. No treatment at site	--	--	
2. Consult a Professional			
3. Excavate soil	Earthfill (903)		
4. Install bridge	Stream Crossing (578)		
5. Construct Armored-fill crossing <i>(See typical drawings 5a, 5b, 6, 7)</i>	Stream Crossing (578)		
6. Construct a Ford crossing <i>(See typical drawing 5a)</i>	Stream Crossing (578)		
7. Repair culvert	Access Road (560)		
8. Install or replace culvert <i>(See typical drawing 2, 4)</i>	Access Road (560)		
9. Construct critical dip <i>(See typical drawing 1c)</i>	Access Road (560)		
10. Install critical culvert	Access Road (560)		
11. Remove screen from culvert inlet	Access Road (560)		
12. Install trash rack (SB, GP, I-B) <i>(See typical drawing 3)</i>	Access Road (560)		

13. Armor fill face <i>(See typical drawing 1b, 4)</i>	Lined Waterway or Outlet (468) and Rock Riprap (907)		
14. Armor below outlet <i>(See typical drawing 1b)</i>	Lined Waterway or Outlet (468) and Rock Riprap (907)		
15. Other			

COMMENT ON TREATMENT(S):

Table R2: Treatment Options to Reduce Erosion and Manage Stability at Contributing Road Lengths

The following table provides an assortment of treatment options that are intended to protect water quality. Implementation of all options is not necessary or required. Selection of options must be done on a site-specific basis and an assortment of practices to protect water quality and to suit your circumstance should be selected. NRCS Practice Titles are provided for your reference and you may contact your local NRCS or RCD field office for technical assistance.

<i>Practices (along road lengths)</i>	<i>NRCS Practice Title</i>	<i>Implementation Date</i>	<i>Location Site#</i>
1. No treatment at site	--	--	
2. Consult a Professional			
3. Construct rolling dips <i>(See typical drawings 10, 11, 19a-c.)</i>	Access Road (560)		
4. Install Speed bumps on paved road	Access Road (560)		
5. Outslope road & remove ditch <i>(See typical drawings 9a-c)</i>	Access Road (560)		
6. Outslope road & retain ditch – ensure that outlet is located in a stable location <i>(See typical drawings 9a-c)</i>	Access Road (560)		
7. Inslope road – ensure that ditch outlets to a stable location <i>(See typical drawings 9a-c)</i>	Access Road (560)		
8. Crown road <i>(See typical drawings 9a-c)</i>	Access Road (560)		
9. Install/Replace ditch relief culvert – ensure that outlet is located in a stable location <i>(See typical drawing 8)</i>	Access Road (560)		
10. Cut/clean ditch	Diversion (362) and Access Road (560)		
11. Rock armor ditch – ensure that ditch outlets to a stable location	Lined Waterway or Outlet (468)		
12. Construct Water bars <i>(See typical drawing 20)</i>	Access Road (560)		
13. Construct cross road drains <i>(See typical drawing 17)</i>	Access Road (560)		
14. De-compact road surface <i>(See typical drawing 17)</i>	Road/Trail/Landing Closure and Treatment (654)		
15. Other			

AGRICHEMICALS (IF APPLICABLE)

Background: Agrichemicals (organic and/or synthetic nutrients and/or pesticides, including herbicides and sulfur) that move from the site of application into surface water can affect water quality by negatively impacting human, animal and/or non-target organism health. Nutrient sources associated with agricultural production practices may include organic and inorganic fertilizers, biodegraded crop residues, and agricultural wastes (grape pomace and waste directly generated by animals). Wind and water erosion of soil or aerial drift from agrichemical applications may contribute to pesticide movement away from the target area. Agrichemicals may enter surface waters during overland runoff and tile drainage either as water-soluble residuals or adsorbed to sediments. Nutrients from these sources become pollutants when they are transported off-site into nearby streams and lakes or percolate in excessive amounts of groundwater. Nitrates and phosphates in surface water bodies contribute to eutrophication, the increases in aquatic plants and algal blooms that deplete dissolved oxygen, impacting aquatic organisms. All shall be maintained free of toxic and biostimulatory substances in lethal or detrimental concentrations.

Purpose: To identify practices, currently in use or intended for implementation, ensure agrichemicals (fertilizers, soil nutrients, compost and pesticides) are stored, mixed and applied in a manner consistent with all applicable regulations, including those required by the California Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) and the County Agricultural Commissioner, and in a manner that prevents excess agrichemicals from reaching surface and groundwater.

A1. Agrichemicals are stored properly (per the label) on-site.

- Yes
- No (Consider practice # 1, listed in Table A1 below)
- No- agrichemicals are stored on-site. Skip this section.

Describe as needed:

A2. Agrichemical mixing, loading, and rinsing are conducted on a containment facility.

- Yes
- No (Consider practices # 2 through 5, listed in Table A1 below)
- No mixing, loading, or rinsing on-site.

Describe as needed:

A3. Agrichemicals not handled on a containment facility are mixed, loaded and rinsed away from aquatic habitat and wells.

Yes

No (Consider practices # 2 through 5, listed in Table A1 below)

Describe as needed:

Table A1: Conservation Practices for Agrichemical Storage, Preparation and Disposal

The following table provides an assortment of management practices that are intended to protect water quality. Implementation of all practices is not necessary or required. Selection of practices must be done on a site-specific basis and an assortment of practices to protect water quality and to suit your circumstance should be selected. NRCS Practice Titles are provided for your reference.

<i>Practice</i>	<i>NRCS Practice Standard Title</i>	<i>Implementation Date</i>	<i>Location (if, applicable)</i>
1. Consult a Professional			
2. Use an impervious containment pad for agrichemical handling	Agrichemical Handling Facility (309)		
3. Provide securable agrichemical handling	Agrichemical Handling Facility (309)		
4. Move agrichemical handling away from aquatic habitat and wells	Nutrient Management (590)		
5. Train employees on safe agrichemical handling	Nutrient Management (590)		
Other:			

Pest Management

P1. The facility operates under a current Pesticide Use Permit filed with the County Agricultural Commissioner.

Yes, provide Pesticide Use Permit # and attach a copy of permit to this Ranch Plan.

No (Consider practices # 1 and 2, listed in Table P1 below)

Describe as needed:

P2. UC-IPM guidelines are followed if applicable.
 (<http://www.ipm.ucdavis.edu/PMG/selectnewpest.grapes.html>)

Yes, indicate current practices below. Some

No (Consider practices # 3 through 6, listed in Table P1 below)

Describe as needed:

P3. Alternative, non-chemical pest control methods are used when and where practical.

Yes, indicate practices below

No (Consider practices # 10, 11 and 12 in Table P1 below)

Describe as needed:

Table P1: Conservation Practices for Pest Management Practices

<i>Practice</i>	<i>NRCS Practice Standard Title</i>	<i>Implementation Date</i>	<i>Location (if, applicable)</i>
1. Consult a Professional			
2. Apply pesticides under a Pesticide Use Permit			
3. UC-IPM: Implement appropriate guidelines for grapes	Integrated Pest Management (595)		
4. UC-IPM: Scout for pests	Integrated Pest Management (595)		
5. UC-IPM: Maintain pest management records	Integrated Pest Management (595)		
6. UC-IPM: Use chemicals that are lowest risk to water quality	Integrated Pest Management (595)		
7. Calibrate application equipment (sprayers and injectors) regularly	Integrated Pest Management (595)		
8. Dispose of containers properly	Integrated Pest Management (595)		
9. Train employees per OSHA & MSDS	Integrated Pest Management (595)		

10. Install raptor roosts, owl boxes, and/or bat boxes	Upland Wildlife Habitat Management		
11. Replace Pierce's Disease host trees & shrubs with native plants	Riparian Forest Buffer		
12. Replace Pierce's Disease host forbs with native plants	Riparian Herbaceous Cover		
Other:			

PHOTO MONITORING

Purpose: To describe the methods and protocols that will be used to carry out visual monitoring and site inspections, including: annual monitoring, site readiness inspections, and management practice monitoring and evaluation. Monitoring is conducted to document that sediment control practices outlined in the LandSmart™ Plan are implemented, that the practices are effective and that they are properly maintained.

Label on Map	Indicate area type (Stalls, pasture, manure management, etc).	Date	Photo Taken? Y or N	Condition (performing properly, needs maintenance, needs consultation)	Actions taken

CONSERVATION SYSTEMS AND PRACTICES RECOMMENDED TO BE INSTALLED

By tracking changes in land use and implementation of conservation or beneficial management practices (BMPs) on your agricultural operation, any water quality changes that may occur due to implementing practices are documented. Monitoring water quality changes can attribute those changes to implementation of practices or to other confounding influences such as regional geology or a source upslope or upstream of the operation.

Practice	Applicable NRCS Practice Standard	Location (if applicable)	Priority/Timeframe	Details/Notes

MAPS

NRCS PRACTICE STANDARD SHEETS

FACILITY DOCUMENTS

RESOURCES AND FACT SHEETS

PHOTO PLATES