



Natural Resources Conservation Service

SAMPLE CUA REMINDER LETTER

[Date]

[Landowner's Name]

[Street Address]

[City, State, ZIP Code]

Dear [Landowners]:

This letter is to remind you of the need for you to request and have written authorization from NRCS for any compatible use activities that you may wish to conduct on your WRP easement area. A compatible use authorization (CUA) is required for you to engage in any activity not reserved to you under the WRP easement deed. As you may recall, the rights reserved to you on the easement area include record title, quiet enjoyment, control of public access, undeveloped recreational uses, and subsurface resources.

If you wish to conduct any other activities on the easement area, you may request authorization from NRCS at any time. The activities for which NRCS approval is needed prior to implementation are listed in part III of the Warranty Easement Deed and include, but are not limited to, mowing, burning, grazing, haying, and the planting of food plots. Additionally, planting food plots, if approved, is limited to no more than 5 percent of the easement acres.

NRCS will evaluate whether any requested activity is consistent with the restoration objectives of the easement. NRCS will only authorize activities that further the long-term protection and enhancement of the wetland functions and other natural values of the easement area. We will notify you in writing whether the requested use is approved, and of any terms and conditions of such approval, including timing, frequency, duration, extent, and location. Please be advised that only CUAs signed by the NRCS State Conservationist or by the Assistant State Conservationist for Programs are valid. Management recommendations from organizations other than NRCS do not satisfy the need for a CUA. Any recommendations provided by outside organizations should be submitted to NRCS for review and approval before implementation on the easement area.

While you can realize economic returns from an activity authorized on the easement area, you will not be assured of any specific level or frequency of such use. Additionally, NRCS reserves the right to modify or cancel a CUA at any time if NRCS determines that such activities do not further the protection and enhancement objectives of the easement.

If you would like to request a CUA, or if you have only previous verbal authorization or written authorization from someone other than the State Conservationist or Assistant State Conservationist, please contact your local NRCS field office.

We look forward to working with you to further the restoration success of the WRP easement on your land.



Sincerely,

[Name of NRCS Representative]
[Title of NRCS Representative]

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