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<b>Agricultural Resource Conservation Program 2-CRP (Revision 5)</b>	<b>Amendment 12</b>
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**Approved by:** Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



**Amendment Transmittal**

**A Reason for Amendment**

Paragraph 633 has been amended to remove a reference about recreational hunting during the primary nesting or brood rearing season.

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## 631 Guidelines for Public Use of CRP Land

### A Public Use of CRP Land Guidelines

The following is the procedure for continuing CRP-1 on land temporarily being used by public utilities for installing gas lines, pipes, cable, telephone poles, etc., materials used by an entity of the State for road building or Federally funded pipeline projects.

CRP-1's may be continued without reduction in payment if:

- the participant gives COC or CED details of proposed temporary use, including length of use
- COC authorizes the use

**Note:** Use is **not** authorized during the primary nesting season.

- NRCS or TSP certifies usage will have minimal effect, such as:
  - erosion is kept to a minimum
  - minimum effect on wildlife and wildlife habitat
  - minimum effect on water and air quality
- the participant restores cover, at the participant's expense, to disturbed land in timeframe set by COC or CED.

**Note:** No payment reduction will be made for compensation received by the participant from the public agency.

NRCS or TSP will determine whether the disturbance will have an adverse effect on the land. If NRCS or TSP determines that public use will have an adverse effect on CRP acreage, affected acreage shall be terminated and refunds assessed.

## 632 Carbon Sequestration Credits

### A Selling Carbon Sequestration Credits

CRP participants may sell carbon sequestration credits associated with land enrolled in CRP. Selling carbon sequestration credits is not considered commercial use and is not, therefore, a violation of CRP-1.

**633 Recreational Hunting and Commercial Shooting Preserves on CRP Acreage****A Recreational Hunting**

CRP participants may lease hunting rights, charge fees for access to hunters, or conduct other similar hunting operations on CRP acreage if this activity occurs during the normal hunting season for the pursuit of game that is normal to the area. Hunting **must** be conducted consistent with State laws and bag limits for the appropriate game species.

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**Important:** Barrier fencing or boundary limitations that prohibit wildlife access to or from the CRP acreage is **not** allowed.

**B Commercial Shooting Preserves**

Commercial shooting preserves may be operated on CRP acreage if all of the following apply:

- the commercial shooting preserve is licensed by a State agency, such as the State Fish and Wildlife Agency or State Department of Natural Resources
- the commercial shooting preserve is operated in a manner consistent with the applicable State agency rules governing commercial shooting preserves
- CRP cover is maintained according to the conservation plan
- no barrier fencing or boundary limitations exist that prohibit wildlife access to or from the CRP acreage
- related CRP cover maintenance, as determined by STC according to FOTG and in consultation with the State Technical Committee, **must**:
  - be performed according to the conservation plan
  - provide benefit and enhancement to all wildlife normal to the area