



## El Paso County Conservation District

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## Mountain's Edge

Noxious weeds are a major resource concern for the El Paso County Conservation District and weeds need to be managed and controlled prior to going to seed either by chemical, mechanical, or biological control.

Please contact the El Paso County Conservation District for fact sheets on specific weed control measures for each noxious weed present on the site.

Vehicle tracking control stations need to be installed at all entrance and exit points on the site. The station should consist of a pad of 3 to 6-inch rock or a vehicle control pad/mat to strip mud from tires prior to vehicles leaving the construction site to prevent spreading of noxious weeds.

According to NRCS soils survey, the 8-Blakeland loamy sand, 1 to 9% slope soils are unstable for shallow excavations and very limited for septic tank absorption fields due to seepage. Due to the limitations on the above soil, alternatives to mitigate the limitations of the above soil will be required in your engineering design or construction techniques.

Topsoil should be stripped to a depth of 6 inches and all stock piles should have side slopes no steeper than 3:1 and seeded. All disturbed areas should be seeded and mulched with weed free hay mulch at 4,000 lbs. /acre. All disturbed areas should be reseeded between the planting dates of Nov. 1-April 30<sup>th</sup>. Grass seed should be drilled at a depth of 1/4 to 1/2 inch deep and if broadcasted, double the rate. Please feel free to utilize the attached El Paso County Conservation District Native Shotgun mix and applicable rates that will work best for the soils on your sandy foothill range site that was developed by a NRCS Rangeland Management Specialist.

Silt fences or other forms of erosion barriers need to be planned and installed as a temporary sediment control device used on construction sites to protect water quality.

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