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# FINAL CERTIFICATE OF INSPECTION AND POSSESSION

#### A. Identification of the Real Property and Project

### The acquiring Federal agency is the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

NRCS EASEMENT PROGRAM						
NEST AGREEMENT NUMBER		NEST PARCEL NUMBER (if applicable)				
LANDOWNER(S) NAME		ESTIMATED ACREAGE				
IDENTIFY REAL PROPERTY (Use physical address. If no physical address, identify by other means.)						
CITY OR TOWN	ZIP		COUNTY	S	STATE	
LANDOWNER CONTACT INFORMATION (List mailing address (if different from above), and email address, and phone number)						
ESTATE OR INTEREST BEING ACQUIRED BY THE UNITED STATES: (Check only one) C Easement Held by the United States						
O Including an Access Easement						
C Third-Party Right of Enforcement Held by the United States						

#### **B.** Department of Justice Title Regulations Certification

1. I am aware of the legal boundaries of the real property identified above.

2. I spoke with the landowner(s) and adult occupant(s) of this property and obtained no evidence or information tending to show that any person or business entity other than the landowner(s) may have or claim rights that would conflict with the interest to be acquired by the United States. These include but are not limited to rights of possession arising from unrecorded leases, easements or rights-of-way obtained by continued usage, agricultural crops, or cemeteries.

3. I neither found, nor became aware of, any work or labor having been performed or materials been furnished in connection with repairs or improvements on the property within the past\_\_\_\_\_\_ months. (Must equal or exceed number of months within which a mechanics or materials lien may be filed under applicable State law.)

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4. The property to be acquired by the United States is unimproved, unoccupied, and vacant unless indicated below or on an attachment. If there are occupants, I have identified them and obtained disclaimers of interest unless indicated below. All such disclaimers are attached.

[Identify all buildings, roads, paths, cemeteries, fences, or other improvements observed and describe all land uses. Identify and provide contact information for all persons using the land. Determine what rights, if any, they claim to continue use or occupancy. Request disclaimers where appropriate. Seek guidance from agency counsel where uncertainty exists regarding the need for disclaimers.]

5. I neither found, nor am aware of any rights in, or claimed by, parties other than the landowner(s) in any of the following:

- Water rights for mining, agricultural, manufacturing, or other purposes
- Ditches or canals constructed by or being used under authority of the United States
- Exploration for or removal of coal, oil, gas, sand, gravel, timber, or any other substance
- Possessory rights claimed or being exercised under any reservation contained in a patent previously issued by the United States

## C. Additional NRCS Certification

1. I have personally inspected the real property identified in Part A and found no evidence of potential hazardous substances on, near or adjacent to the proposed conservation easement area that would be detrimental to the acquisition, restoration or management. During my inspection I found no evidence of hazardous materials, such as isolated spots of dead and dying vegetation, garbage or dump sites, unusual smells, barrels containing unknown materials, etc. A landowner interview worksheet, Environmental Database Search Report, and Hazardous Substance Field Inspection Checklist are a required part of the agency record for every easement.

2. I am acquainted with the proposed conservation easement area and have attached a map of the location of the easement area, and the access thereto.

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#### **D.** Attestation and Signature

I hereby certify that—

- I personally inspected the real property identified in Part A, above, on \_\_\_\_\_ (enter date).
- I spoke with the landowner(s) identified in Part A, above, on \_\_\_\_\_ (enter date).
- If additional occupants of the land are identified in Part B above, I spoke with them as follows:

Name of Occupant	Date of Interview	

On the basis of my inspection and inquiry, I certify that the preprinted statements in Parts B and C of this Final Certificate of Inspection and Possession are (check only one):

 $\bigcirc$  Accurate  $\bigcirc$  Not Accurate

If not accurate, I have explained my findings (check all that apply):

$\Box$ On this form		On an attached sheet(s)
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EXAMINER (Printed name )	OFFICIAL TITLE AND TELEPHONE NUMBER
SIGNATURE	DATE