

Pocatello Revegetation Plan Requirements

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City Code Conformance

17.05.140.C.4.e: All disturbed areas are immediately stabilized and revegetated in accordance with an approved revegetation plan. (Ord. 2896, 2011: Ord. 2846 § 1, 2008)

Revegetation Plan Requirements

The revegetation plan and narrative shall be completed by an Idaho-registered professional competent to practice in the subject matter. Unless otherwise approved by the City Engineer, the recommendations in the Portneuf Valley Revegetation Guide (as amended) shall be followed.

The preliminary revegetation plan/narrative shall be submitted with the ESC and Grading Plans. It shall show the recommended revegetation and post-construction erosion control work for all of the soils on the project site, and shall be on a separate plan sheet from the ESC plan and shall identify:

1. Steepness, height, and aspect of slopes and topography of land above the slope.
2. Adequacy of topsoil on the site. The topsoil shall be tested to determine recommended fertilizer and amendments.
3. Recommended thickness of topsoil to be placed on cut and fill slopes.
4. Recommended preparation of slopes for placement of topsoil (e.g., minibenching and serration).
5. Recommended means of application of topsoil and preparation for seeding.
6. Seed mixture and application rate. Consideration shall be given to establishment of deep rooted plants.
7. Planting procedures and time of planting.
8. Use of supplemental watering.
9. Mulch type, application rate and means of application.
10. Minimum coverage/plant density needed to control erosion.
11. Erosion control measures to be used until vegetation becomes established.

Bonding/Surety Agreement

All disturbed ground included in the construction of this project must be stabilized and approved by the City Engineering Department before a Final CO (or final plat for subdivision projects) is granted. If weather conditions prohibit revegetation and stabilization activities, the contractor shall provide a bond/surety agreement or a cashier's check in the amount of 125% of the cost estimated by the project engineer/landscape architect to enable final stabilization of the site.

The revegetation bond/surety agreement/cashier's check shall be in a form and amount necessary to ensure the ability to correct any deficiency caused from the failure to comply with the conditions of the permit. The bond shall remain in effect until the site has achieved final stabilization at which time the permit may be closed.

Revegetation Progress Reports & Permit Finalization/Bond Release

The professional responsible for revegetation (an Idaho-registered professional competent to practice in the subject matter and with knowledge of vegetation, soils, and climate of the Portneuf Valley) shall write a report on the progress and success of the revegetation after the first year of revegetation. The report shall certify that the correct rates of mulch, soil amendments, and seed were applied, the need for any remedial revegetation work that may be required. Periodic reports shall be required thereafter on an as-needed basis until the professional certifies that revegetation is complete, at which time the revegetation bond shall be released. At this time a final inspection may be requested for the City to verify that the final stabilization measures have been installed successfully and ESC BMP controls have been removed (if no longer needed).