

General Land Use Application

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Tree Report and Level 3 Risk Assessment (35" Douglas fir *Pseudotsuga menziesii*) TAG# 488

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To Whom it may Concern:

The purpose of this Arborist Report and Risk Assessment is to present the observations gathered in a level 3 tree risk assessment. The data and observations may be used as discretionary evidence by concerned parties including but not limited to: the tree owner(s) and the City of Sandy, Oregon.

The owner(s) of 37035 Olson St. contacted Axe Contracting LLC for a level 3 arborist report after the lone, 35" DBH 161' Douglas Fir tree in the back yard had dropped a 3.5" calliper limb, which punctured their roof in mid December 2022. The home owners had expressed concerns about the tree dropping other limbs frequently, with strong winds carrying them across the property. Axe Contracting LLC owner, William Moore responded to the request for a level 3 risks assessment using UAV technology. The UAV allowed for upper canopy inspection of limb breakout areas and tree height measuring without the impact of a climbing inspection. A level 3 risk assessment was performed January 7, 2023 using UAV to photograph and collect height data. Select photos will be included with this document.

Observations:

Arriving to the back yard of the home there is visible evidence of grade change and excavation within the critical root zone of the tree (fig.1). A closer look at the root flare showed signs of mechanical injury to structural root flare(fig.2). The root flare opposite the

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home does not show typical flare shape, but rather disappears straight into the ground. (Fig.3). The bole displays a 17' long vertical fissure starting at 22" above grade. The depth of the fissure varies, at its visible deepest it is approx. 10" deep into the core of

the tree (Fi.4). The UAV was able to locate 3 live limb failures ranging from 2-3.5" with about 6' (fig.5). The UAV discovers a subordinate top with significant included bark. (Fig. 6).

Conclusion:

Time Frame: within one year from assessment

The likelihood of limb failure during severe weather conditions is probable, with the likelihood of limbs impacting a target is high, resulting in a high likelihood of failure.

The likelihood of complete tree failure during severe weather conditions is probable with a high likelihood of impacting a target.

The risk rating of this tree would then be classified as "High Risk" due to the likelihood of failure and impact and the consequences of the resulting impact being severe (critical damage to home, potential injury, potential to strike neighbouring home)

Risk Mitigation Recommendations:

The assessing arborist recommends removal of the tree to prevent damage to surround structures and mitigate the potential for injury.



Fig. 1 grade discrepancy



Fig.2 inconsistent root flare and mechanical structural root damage

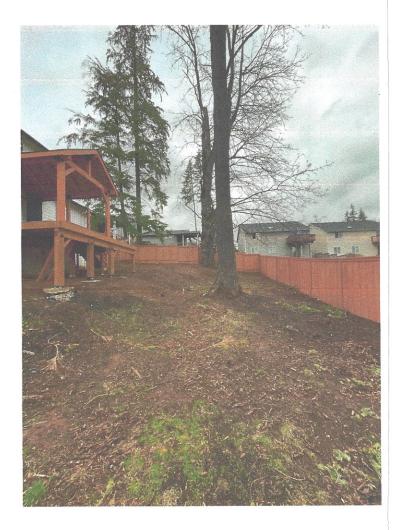


Fig. 3 Inconsistent root flare

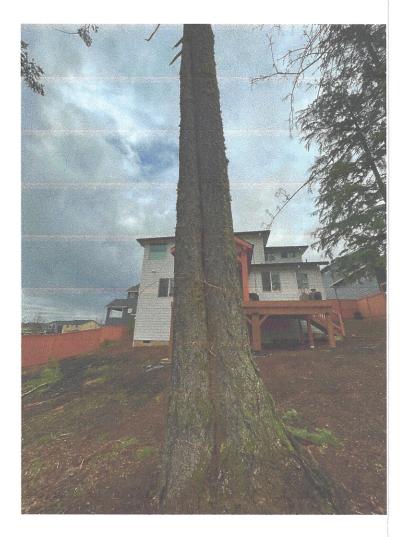


Fig. 4 Fissure



Fig. 5 live limb failure. Fig.6 (below) subordinate top with included bark

