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This letter is in response to our phone call today about the removal of hazardous trees within the Native Growth Protection Area. This letter authorizes the removal of those trees.

It is recommended to hire a professional tree company to fell the trees. The trees should be felled into the NGPA. It is preferable to leave as much of the trees standing as possible, to provide standing snags for wildlife. Special care should be taken not to impact other live trees within the NGPA. This may require that a tree be felled in sections. If it is deemed necessary to fell the entire tree, the stump should be left remaining intact and shall not be removed. The stump will continue to provide soil stability from the root system. No portion of the trees is to be removed for firewood or any other use. The felled trees should be left to decompose and provide organic matter to the soil.

Mitigation replacement plantings are necessary to mitigate for lost functions and values provided by trees within wetlands and buffers. Appropriate species to choose from include western red cedar, western hemlock, Douglas fir, vine maple, black hawthorn, Oregon ash, Western crab apple, bitter cherry, and Pacific dogwood (consult with the county biologist or your local nursery for additional native plant species). The trees should be planted from 1 to 2 gallon nursery stock. Please select a variety of different species to increase the species diversity within the NGPA. The planted trees will, over time, replace the functions and values that were provided by the felled trees and increase the overall species diversity. The trees may need supplemental care and monitoring for a few years to insure that they survive.

If you have any questions or comments, I can be reached by telephone at 425.388.3311, extension 2390.

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Sincerely,

Dan Daley, Inspection Services and Enforcement Supervisor