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From: Brandon Watt
Sent: Thursday, May 29, 2025 2:29 PM
To: Chris Jacobi
Subject: FW: EOT tree hazard



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From: Jesse Domichel <jdomichel@orccity.org>
Sent: Thursday, May 29, 2025 9:22 AM
To: Brandon Watt <bwatt@orccity.org>
Subject: EOT tree hazard

The Alder tree next to the shelter is a hazard. You can push your finger inside it's so soft, there is fungus growing on it as well and the limbs are dying as well. Being next to the shelter and with EOT being such a busy park it's imperative to remove it as soon as possible for the safety of our visitors.

Jesse Domichel
Park maintenance specialist III

Staff Memo

From: Jude Thaddaeus | Assistant Planner

To: Chris Jacobi | Parks & Cemetery Team Lead

Date: June 12, 2025

RE: City Staff Removal of a 24" Alder at the End of the Oregon Trail site

Dear Chris,

On the afternoon of Thursday, June 12, 2025, I visited the End of the Oregon Trail site of the 24" DBH alder tree that you've submitted a City Staff Removal of Significant Public Tree application, as well as Type I Minor Site Plan & Design Review application # **SP-25-00027** regarding.

While inspecting the tree, I was able to confirm that the tree indeed measured 24" in circumference at 54" above grade. I was also able to confirm that the tree appears to be significantly diseased, with a major part of the bark at the trunk having sloughed off, the flesh of the tree exposed and many significant fungi growing around rotting areas of the tree base. Upon pressing my hand lightly against a section of exposed tree phloem, the phloem cracked immediately and disintegrated with a light touch.

The tree is still leafing and appears alive and doesn't appear to be leaning significantly toward the picnic shelter it is located within 10 feet of. However, it is very obviously diseased, declining, structurally compromised, and located within a high enough traffic area with enough nearby target structures – and potential human targets using those structures – to make my concurrent recommendation for removal an easy determination to make.

I will add this recommendation to the file and fulfill this aspect of the City Staff Removal of Significant Public Trees application under Section 6.

All the best,



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To: Vance Walker
Cc: Pete Walter; Thomas Kissinger; Brandon Watt; Chris Jacobi
Subject: RE: EOT Alder Permit

From: Vance Walker <vwalker@orcity.org>
Sent: Thursday, June 12, 2025 8:42 AM
To: Jude Thaddaeus <jthaddaeus@orcity.org>
Cc: Pete Walter <pwalter@orcity.org>; Thomas Kissinger <tkissinger@orcity.org>; Brandon Watt <bwatt@orcity.org>; Chris Jacobi <cjacobi@orcity.org>
Subject: RE: EOT Alder Permit

Good morning, Jude.

On this tree I think it would be a stretch to deem it an “imminent hazard” as defined in the code. However, as I mentioned in my email to Brandon, it is in bad shape and given its proximity to the shelter and public space it needs to be removed.

Thanks
VW

From: Jude Thaddaeus <jthaddaeus@orcity.org>
Sent: Wednesday, June 11, 2025 4:51 PM
To: Vance Walker <vwalker@orcity.org>
Cc: Pete Walter <pwalter@orcity.org>; Thomas Kissinger <tkissinger@orcity.org>; Brandon Watt <bwatt@orcity.org>; Chris Jacobi <cjacobi@orcity.org>
Subject: RE: EOT Alder Permit

Hi Vance,

I hope you’re having a good week so far.

Brandon sent me the memo you wrote about the tree they’d like to remove at EOT.

In your opinion, is this tree an imminent hazard under the following [code definition](#)?

*“Imminent hazard tree” means a hazardous tree as defined in OCMC [12.32.020](#), all or more than thirty percent of which has already fallen or is estimated to **fall within seventy-two hours** into the public right-of-way or onto a target that cannot be protected, restricted, moved, or removed.”*

Please advise.

All the best,



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From: Brandon Watt <bwatt@orcitizen.org>

Sent: Monday, June 9, 2025 9:14 AM

To: Jude Thaddeus <jthaddeus@orcitizen.org>; Chris Jacobi <cjacobi@orcitizen.org>

Cc: Pete Walter <pwalter@orcitizen.org>; Thomas Kissinger <tkissinger@orcitizen.org>

Subject: RE: EOT Alder Permit

Hi Jude,

I'm sharing a memo from Vance regarding the dead tree at The End of the Oregon Trail site. It's becoming a concern, and we're hoping to move ahead with removal once the permit is in place.

I hope this helps support the process. Please let me know if there's anything else you need from me to keep things moving.

Thanks so much for your help with this.

Hi Brandon.

I've inspected the alder tree next to the shelter, and it should be removed.

- The tree is in severe decline, with numerous conk mushrooms present—an indication of significant internal decay and likely structural failure.
- The deterioration is advanced enough that a blunt knife can easily penetrate the trunk up to 3 inches and I was surprised how easily a knife was able to penetrate it.
- Given its location next to a heavily used shelter and lawn area which is frequented daily by school groups and event attendees, this tree poses a serious safety risk and should be removed as soon as possible.

Please let me know if you need further assistance.

Thanks
Vance



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