

Salishan Hills Homeowners Association

Stewards of the Forest ~ Policy Statement 3 – 5 Year Plan

The criteria used to establish the 3 to 5 year plan identifies high risk trees in high density areas, located on common ground forest area, that present a danger to both public and private property, as well as safety for driving conditions in our community.

- **Category 1:** The highest 'at risk' trees are dead and/or diseased trees that are in areas that create a danger to either the public or driving conditions.
- **Category 2:** Heavily leaning trees that have not rerouted themselves upward lead to weakened root systems that are more likely to topple over, again causing risk to the public, as well as driving conditions.
- **Category 3:** Double stemmed trees also, with age, create a risk of splitting apart due to excessive weight pulling the tree apart and weakening them, making them a peril to fall or disease.
- **Category 4:** Thinning of our forest lands on common ground also creates an environment that is not only healthy, but also aesthetically attractive, while also helping to maintain our program to be stewards of our common ground forest areas,

Although this doesn't eliminate Acts of God, the program will provide constant maintenance and improved conditions for our forest lands. Our professional arborist has viewed our properties and approved our plan.

Limbing for Safety and Driving Conditions

The goal and criteria for limbing is to maintain high visibility and improved safety conditions on our roadway system, thus reducing the risk of injury or accidents while walking or driving on our roadways, and/or impeding the ability of owner access to their private property.