

# Elwood's TREE SERVICE

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## RE: Oregon White Oak (*Quercus garryana*)

This Oregon White Oak was originally planned to be one of the preserved trees on this property as we had done evaluations of all the trees several months ago. We had found root and trunk rot issues (Ganoderma) with a neighboring Oregon White Oak that ultimately ended up leading to its removal. During the removal there had been some minor gutter damage that occurred. Measurements of the gutter length were needed to obtain a quote for replacing the dented gutter. I went on the roof to measure the length and noticed a 2-3" hole on the side of the trunk of the Oregon White Oak closest to the house. Out of curiosity I stuck my tape measure into the hole and found that the trunk is severely decayed internally allowing the tape measure to go in laterally 14". This cavity is 12-15ft off the ground and there is only approximately 25% of wood remaining to support the heavily off balanced canopy that is over the house. Given the SW wind direction, the unbalanced canopy over the house, and the cavity orientation to wind patterns this tree poses a strong threat to the house and anyone occupying the home. Sadly, there aren't any alternatives other than removal to mitigate the risk of failure onto our clients home. I have attached along with this letter images supporting my findings and an ISA Basic Tree Risk Assessment Form. I look forward to your reply in regard to our clients tree.

Regards,  
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