

Fir Tree Strong Park

Bill Olsen: Town of Cathlamet Forester

I was asked to give my evaluation of either having the tree in Strong Park removed or if it would remain healthy after work was performed to install an ADA approved trail. To install the trail properly would require to cut into the root system that the tree needs to keep in place and remain healthy. The roots must be removed to create a safe and ADA approved trail. The roots that need to be removed are quite large and will definitely put the tree in danger of blowing over in a high wind. The large roots are also a reason for the tree's survival. As you will notice in the pictures, the damage the roots have caused to the existing trail makes it very dangerous right now to even walk by.

I would recommend that the tree be removed for current and future safety of maintaining the pathway. Although, I was only asked to give a review of the Douglas Fir, I also observed three Cottonwood trees nearby that I would recommend be removed as well at the same time. As they are also making the walking path hazardous.

Thank you,

William R. Olsen
Forester















