ARBORIST REPORT and SYNOPSIS

Area of focus: Trees near the grand stair case, see attached map

Purpose of reports: identify tree species and site condition as well as note trees with defects that could lead to premature failure. Also Identify trees that are invasive or otherwise inappropriate for this site.

Site condition: steep (>30%), non-irrigated, north facing slope, minimal soil profile with round rock base, some sluffing and erosion evident.

- Defective trees: Ponderosa Pine (PP) immediately east of existing stair case has inferior form with multiple tops. Additionally, several of the spruce trees have compromised form as well. These trees are identified on the map provided.
- Norway Maples (NM) are a curious issue, listed by some as an invasive species they do serve a purpose in that they hold soils on steep ground well.
- There is significant risk involved with thinning the grove due the symbiotic nature of sheltering these trees have developed within. Even so we continue to somewhat regularly lose trees here because of severe wind shear and poor soil / root structure development.
- As to excavation around existing trees. Our campus tree plan identifies procedures for protection. To summarize these, we require fencing around protected trees and no excavating with in drip line. These are the base requirements with some exceptions depending on species and site condition.

Primary existing trees

ES, Engelmann spruce, Picea Englemanni

PP, Ponderosa pine, Pinus ponderosa

BL, Black locust, Robinia pseudoacacia

BS, Blue spruce, Picea pungens

T, Little leaf linden, Tilia Americana

NM, Norway maple, Acer platanoides

Approved new planting list

Douglas fir, Pseudotsuga

Larch tamarack, Larix Laricina

Grand fir, Abies grandis

White fir, Abies concolor

Vine maple, Acer carinatum (site specific)

Engelmann spruce, Picea englemanni

Western juniper, Juniperus occidentalis (site specific)

Lodge pole pine, Pinus contorta latifolia

Jeffreys pine, Pinus jefferreyi

Western white pine, Pinus monticola

Ponderosa pine, Pinus ponderosa

White spruce, Picea glauca

Colorado blue spruce, Picea pungens

Species suggestions provided by landscape design professionals or other outside arboricultural experts is welcome and encouraged.

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