



To: Board of Directors
From: Edward I. Miller, Board President
Date: April 27, 2022
Subject: Liberty Energy's Tree Trimming Project

Background:

A couple who live in Tahoma sent in their concerns to Board President Ed Miller. They were scheduled to meet with a representative of Liberty Utilities on April 18 to discuss tree trimming. As a consequence, they have been looking into the true regulations of our state government versus what Liberty has interpreted as the regulations.

The couple stated that "One of the most onerous statements from Liberty is 'Limbs less than 4' in diameter are chipped up, and wood greater than 4" will be left on site'. This approach by Liberty will create an immense fire hazard for wherever they do any major tree trimming or tree removal. The Tahoma couple believes that the Fire Department needs to weigh in and state categorically that any tree trimming debris absolutely needs to be remove by Liberty and not leave it to the homeowner or in case of state or conservancy land owners, leave it to their agencies."

Residents want to stop Liberty from leaving debris for tree trimming activity around power lines and poles.

Recommendation:

This is for information and discussion so that the Directors and staff will know more about how to address questions from constituents.