

Vegetation Management Distribution Inspection Procedure

Attachment 3, Identifying Major Woody Stems

In order to qualify for a major woody stem exemption, a tree must meet **all** of the following exemption criteria:

- Wood is more than 6 in. from high voltage conductors.
- There is no evidence of prior contact between any portion of the tree branches or trunk and the conductor, including abrasion and/or incidental contact. (This does **not** apply to burn marks due to previous contact that has been mitigated.)
- The tree has been established in its current location for at least 10 years.
- The tree is at least 10 in. in diameter at breast height (DBH)
- The tree or limb at the conductor level is at least 6 in. in diameter.
- The tree is not resprouting at the conductor level at the time of inspection.
- The tree is not easily climbable, with scaffold branches present below 8.5 ft. from the ground.
- The tree is not hazardous per [TD-7102P-17, "Vegetation Management Priority Tag Procedure."](#)

Exception

IF the tree has a history of requiring tree maintenance work,
 OR the tree is smaller than 24 in. DBH,
 THEN GO TO Section 4 of TD-7102P-01, "Distribution Routine Inspection Procedure" and prescribe removal.

1. If the tree qualifies for a major woody stem exemption,
 THEN enter the qualification into the system of record.
2. If the tree does not qualify for a major woody stem exemption,
 THEN, GO TO Section 4 of TD-7102P-01, "Distribution Routine Inspection Procedure" and prescribe work as necessary.

REVISION NOTES

Where?	What Changed?
NA	Original publication.