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To: [Rachael Stevie \(CD\)](#)
Subject: FW: Downed trees along Lyle Creek
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Below is the email I sent to Steve Lathrop regarding tree removal in the Bull Ranch area.

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From: Jeremy Johnston
Sent: Monday, June 7, 2021 10:14 AM
To: 'Steve Lathrop' <Steve@lathropdev.com>
Subject: Downed trees along Lyle Creek

Good Morning Steve,

This email is intended to summarize our conversation this morning regarding fallen tree(s) along Lyle Creek. KCC 17A.03.020(8) exempts, "Emergencies that threaten the public health, safety and welfare, including private or public property." Removal of trees that have fallen onto neighboring properties and/or fences would be consistent with this section.

To the extent that additional trees within the buffer area of Lyle Creek present an imminent threat, they can also be limbed or maintained. Identification of such trees should be done by a licensed arborist. Should the arborist recommend full tree removal, consultation with WDFW should take place to ensure any impacts to wildlife habitat are mitigated.

Please note that this is my interpretation under our current Critical Areas Ordinance. We anticipate adopting a new ordinance this fall which may include different standards than those noted above.

Let me know if I need to clarify further.

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Please Note: In an effort to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and the Governor's "Safe Start" reopening plan, Kittitas County Community Development Services is currently in Phase 3 and is open to the public in a limited capacity. At this time many of us are on a rotating schedule working from home and in the office; during this time I will do my best to respond to you as promptly as possible.

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