tree would be 35% or greater. This decay did not cause or contribute to the failure.

16. My investigations at the Camp also revealed that there are about 5 ½ to 6 feet of wood from the compression side fracture area that cannot be located. I was informed by the Camp Executive Director, Steve Catechi, that any additional pieces of the tree that were not located in and around the accident scene had been stored in a woodpile on Camp property that was about 300 yards from the accident scene. I personally searched through the woodpile and was unable to locate wood that could reasonably be identified as the wood missing from the compression side fracture area. Without the missing compression side pieces of the tree, I am unable to determine if there was any characteristic of the tree that initiated failure on the compression side.

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