

Contact Form

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Montana Tree Failure Database - Short Form (Version 1.0) *required

Tree species	Colorado blue spruce
Site Location-City	Townsend, MT
Site Location-Address	Heritage Park on South Pine Street
Date of inspection / Date of Failure	<u>+1 406 431 4615</u>
Weather conditions at time of failure	Tree failed on December 17th. The wind was 55 mph from the west.
Tree condition at time of inspection	Good
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Observations/Opinion	Site was dry and ground was not frozen. Tree bole broke about 7 feet off the ground where co-dominant trunk had included bark. The tree failed from the west to the east. Ninety percent of our tree failures in Townsend over the last 20 years have been from the northwest to the southeast.
Other notes	Townsend lost 3 trees that I observed. All of them had some problem. This blue spruce had co-dominant trunks. Another blue spruce hadn't been maintained for over 5 years and was stressed. The whole tree blew over with the roots. Finally, the top half of a 16" DBH female green ash tree failed. The ash tree was never pruned and is one I use to show people on tree tours what our public ash trees looked like before we started pruning them over 20 years ago.
Report submitted by (with credentials)	Patrick Plantenberg, Townsend Tree Board and Chair MUCFA.