Log & Timber Homes Council Log Grading Rules Section (3.2.8.2.1)

Allowable Decay

Live tree decay is allowed in Wall and Utility grades to the extent that unsound wood due to live tree decay (peck) on the lateral surface of the wall log is limited to 1/6 the width of a face for the entire length of the piece or the equivalent area. On the end-grain of the log, the total area of unsound wood is limited to well-scattered spots with a total area equal to 1/6 the widest face, and no single spot with an area larger than 1/2 the area of the largest allowable knot size for the entire piece.

