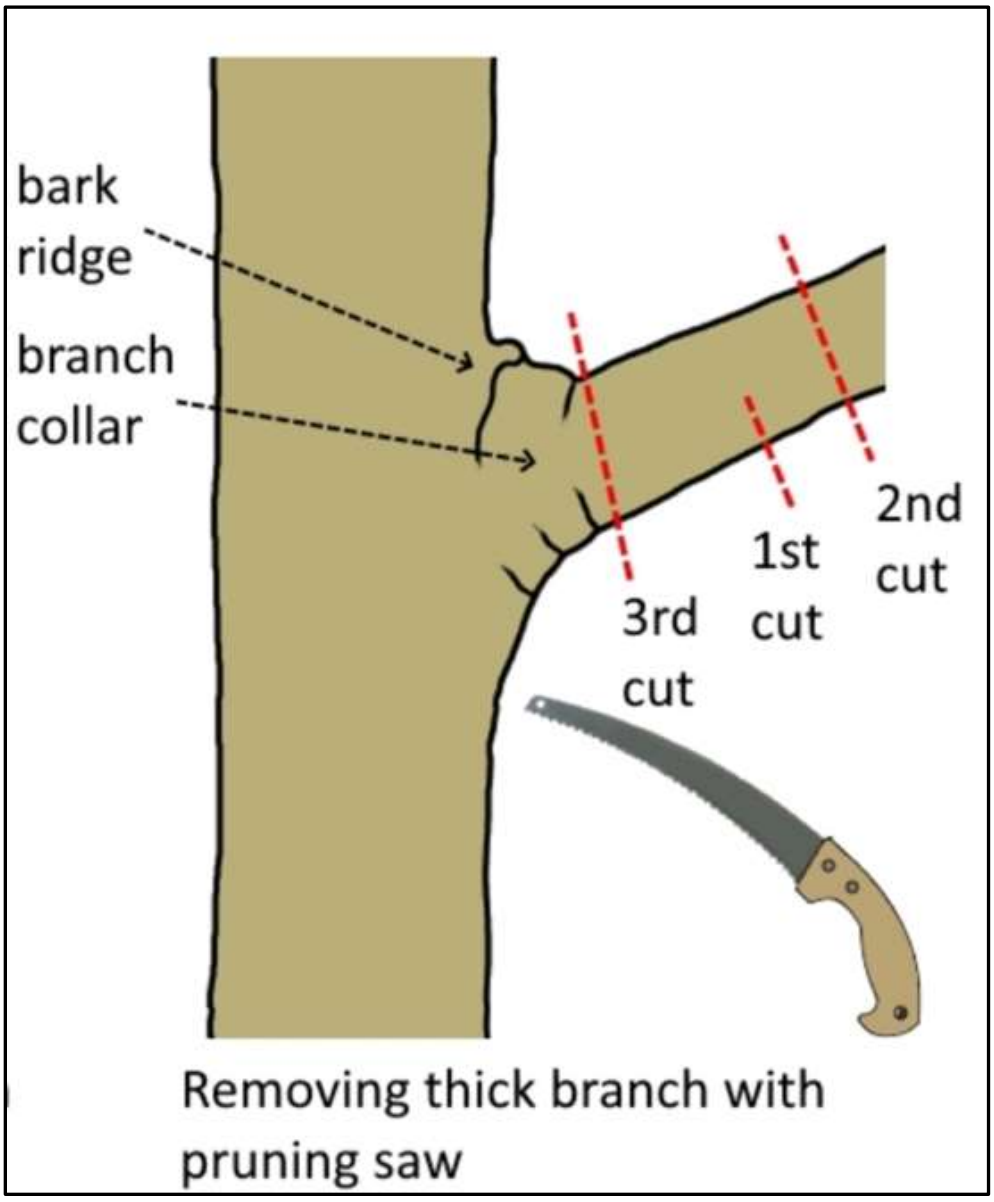
Ponderosa Pine Limbing Guidance:

Limbing Correctly: Don't cut into the branch collar.



If a limb is cut too close to the tree trunk, it can kill the tree. It is better for the branch stub to be too long. One must make the 1st cut on the bottom side, otherwise the bark may peel as the 2nd cut is made, and that too is damaging to the tree. The 3rd cut is the one that is so critical that it not be too close to the tree trunk and impedes on the branch collar. It is better to error on the side of leaving too much of the branch stub than cutting too short.