



CITY OF PORTLAND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



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Dennis O'Neil
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Dear Dennis,

Please accept this letter and the enclosed treatment reports, site summary sheet, and monitoring data sheets as the *2001 BES Revegetation Report* for BES work in St. John's Landfill (SJL).

After several plantings over the past few years, the tree and shrub stocking rate is good around the landfill perimeter, though mortality due to beaver and voles persists. To date, 235 cages have been installed around black cottonwood trees along the slough in an effort to deter beaver damage. Caging is probably the best way to address this issue. Though the himalayan blackberry and reed canary grass have been knocked back to manageable levels, poison hemlock, thistles, and exotic grasses persist.

According to my project records, there are funds remaining for one more cut and herbicide application on the "SJL Perimeter" site before December 2002. "SJL Eastside 98" will receive one more cut before December 2002, which is funded by an EPA grant for Columbia Slough projects. We have gained good control of the himalayan blackberry on this site, and seeded it this past October 2001. According to Metro Contract 922319, 90 cages were to be installed in 2001 and an additional 540 in 2002, for a total of 630. Therefore, an additional 395 cages are to be installed this year. Finally, the "SJL Engineered Slopes" project remains under BES maintenance through December 2003. This information is what I've pieced together from the project files - please let me know if your records for any of these three projects show otherwise.

Dennis, after the past 4-5 years of planting and maintenance efforts around the landfill perimeter, we are just now gaining good control of the weed situation and facilitating sufficient woody plant establishment. As I have laid out above, the maintenance funds for all of the perimeter except the three locations of engineered slopes will run out this December 2002. I hope you will consider funding additional maintenance and seeding to sustain Metro and BES' significant investment thus far. If you would like, we can discuss whether to assess the site conditions and revisit funding on an annual basis, or initiate another five year IGA. I will call you in the next two weeks to discuss this further and possibly arrange a meeting.

Feel free to call/email with any questions.

Sincerely,

Lynn Barlow
Columbia Slough Watershed Manager
Watershed Revegetation Program/BES

(see reverse)

SEEDING IN OCTOBER 2001:

Site	Mix Used	Acres seeded
SJL East Bank 98RCG		3

RCG MIX	Lbs/Acre
Fescues	2
Deschampsia elongata	5
Agrostis exarata	4
Deschampsia cespitosa	5
Rumex salicifolius	1
Carex stipata	0.5
Carex unilateralis	0.5
Carex densa	0.5
Carex scoparia	1
	19.5