

April 17, 2001

Mr. Troy Clark, President
Friends of Smith and Bybee Lakes

Dear Mr. Clark:

Thank you for your letter expressing concerns about model airplane flying on the St. Johns Landfill.

I share your concern that interim uses not compromise long-range planning for the landfill. I understand the management committee will review potential uses for the landfill later this year. I look forward to receiving your recommendations. The agreement Metro has with Portland Area Model Aircraft Association (PAMAA) is a year-to-year agreement and should not impede the process for deciding long-range goals for the site.

As you stated in your letter, the City of Portland and Metro adopted a Natural Resources Management Plan (NRMP) for Smith and Bybee Lakes in November 1990. Policy 14 of that ordinance provides that "model airplane and archery facilities may be located on sites immediately north of the landfill bridge." The PAMAA request to fly on the landfill is consistent with the NRMP. The policy, as you also point out, is subject to compatibility with the St. Johns Landfill Closure Plan.

PAMAA asked to use this site and submitted the required documents to Metro's Regional Environmental Management Department (REM). REM established additional conditions for use to insure that PAMAA's activities would not interfere with the closure plan. At my request, a REM representative briefed the committee on February 22, 2000. I did not receive any comments from the committee until your recent letter which I received on April 12, 2001.

I would encourage you to meet with PAMAA, watch a demonstration of the "flying" activities, and see if an accommodation can be reached.

Best regards,

Mike Burton
Executive Officer

- ems - ck on sw parcel acreage & email SBMC
↳ proposed for trade
- ems - ck w/ Nancy C. re Pacificorps & bus trips
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Model airplanes

Were ^{involved} ~~present~~ while NRMP drafted. They've been "booted around" a lot.

Special use permit issued '00 - currently expired.
No LUR reg'd by COP.

Dennis & Elaine reviewed operating conditions & plans.

SBMC listed a number of concerns & subjects for recommendations.