

From: "Frank Opila" <franko@hevanet.com>
To: "Elaine Stewart" <stewarte@metro.dst.or.us>
Date: 12/4/03 9:53PM
Subject: Re: Draft letter for city

Elaine,

I made a couple of grammatical tweaks. The revised version is attached. I've printed it, signed it and put it in an envelope. Should I mail it to you or to Tricia Sears?

Thanks,
Franko

----- Original Message -----

From: "Elaine Stewart" <stewarte@metro.dst.or.us>
To: <franko@ci.hillsboro.or.us>; <franko@hevanet.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 04, 2003 1:23 PM
Subject: Draft letter for city

Hi Frank,

I'm sending this to both email addresses I have for you because of the tight timeline. Sorry I didn't get this out to you yesterday, I had good intentions but lots of distractions.

Take a look and let me know if this is OK. If so, can you print, sign and mail it? If you prefer, we can print and mail it from Metro if you have a chance to drop by today or tomorrow.

-Elaine

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December 4, 2003

Tricia R. Sears
BDS – City of Portland
1900 SW Fourth Ave., Suite 5000
Portland, OR 97201

Dear Ms. Sears,

The Smith and Bybee Lakes Management Committee supports the Portland Dept. of Transportation's (PDOT) land use review application LU 03-166935 EN to construct a wildlife undercrossing at Time Oil Road in the Rivergate Industrial District. This undercrossing will benefit many wildlife species, including the western painted turtle. These turtles are listed Sensitive-Critical by the Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife. The Smith and Bybee Lakes Wildlife Area and adjacent habitats provide extremely important habitat for Oregon's remaining turtles. The turtles that cross Time Oil Road are part of the larger population that inhabits the Smith-Bybee area. The corridor that this undercrossing will provide is a key link among groups of turtles in this area.

On behalf of the management committee, I urge you to approve this land use review application. If you have any questions or comments, you may contact me through our staff person at Metro, Elaine Stewart (503-797-1515).

Sincerely,

Frank Opila
Chair

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March 23, 2004

Tricia R. Sears
Kathy Harnden
BDS – City of Portland
Suite 5000
1900 SW Fourth Ave.
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Dear Ms. Sears and Ms. Harnden,

The Smith and Bybee Lakes Management Committee supports the Port of Portland's Land Use Review application number LU 03-162374 EN for large woody debris installation into the Smith and Bybee Lakes Wildlife Area. Large woody debris (LWD) is sorely needed in the wetland and upland habitats in the wildlife area. It provides a range of habitats including substrate for plants and invertebrates, shelter for fish and amphibians, and resting and basking sites for reptiles, birds and mammals. The sites within the wildlife area that are included in the Port's submittal are appropriate for LWD placement. Contrary to BDS' statement in the notice, the Smith and Bybee Lakes Management Committee considers LWD placement a resource enhancement.

The Port did not include helicopters in the list of equipment to be used. Helicopters were recently used to install several pieces of LWD in Smith Lake with good success. We recommend that BDS include helicopter placement as an approved method for installing LWD under this LUR decision.

On behalf of the management committee, I urge you to approve this land use review application. If you have any questions or comments, you may contact me through our staff person at Metro, Elaine Stewart (503-797-1515).

Sincerely,



Frank Opila
Chair