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ATO-WSA FOIA Coordinator

-via email-

Dear Sir or Madam:

Online research has indicated parachute activities (PAJA) are charted at the following airports in Western Oregon and Western Washington: Hobby (Creswell, OR); Skydive (Molalla, OR); Beaver Oaks (Estacada, OR); Carlson (Toledo, WA); Sanderson (Shelton, WA); Harvey (Snohomish, WA); and, Coupeville, WA.

**Please accept this as a request for copies under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).** This is a new FOIA request, and I ask it be kept separate from the much older F12-6590, which is already overdue per FOIA timelines. For this new FOIA, I am looking at PAJA operational plans, as coordinated between PAJA operators and ATC facilities, in accordance with FAR 105.25(c). I am also looking at safety issues, such as near-midair collisions, wherein PAJA operations have been implicated in ATSAP, ASRS, NTSB and other official safety reports. I ask for copies of all records, related to the list of seven airports above, to include:

1. all incident reports from 1/1/1990 to the present, related to parachute activities. This should include internal reports as may have been prepared by ATC and/or FSDO.
2. and, copies of all memos etc. used as briefing items, to alert air traffic controllers to the incidents as well as to any new, preventive procedures.

Please note that I already have a copy of a 6/16/11 memo from Joe Webber to Tracey Guinett at P80, defining the 2011-12 Skydive operational plan. I also have a copy of a 6/17/11 ZSE memo, from Bridgitt Arledge to Area B, for briefing controllers on the details of the 2011-12 Skydive operational plan. A thorough response to Item #2 above would require that the ATC controlling facilities for airspace above each of these airports provide copies of their orders and briefing memos related to the PAJA impacting their airspace. Thus, you may need to obtain records from these ATC facilities: EUG TRACON, PDX TRACON, Seattle Center, and SEA TRACON.

Please provide these records with minimal redactions, in strict accordance with para. 34 of FAA's FOIA Order, with proper segregation of data so as to maximize disclosable information. I also request production within the FOIA timeline as defined by FOIA Law, and as presented at para. 54 of FAA's FOIA Order. I agree to pay up to \$20 for these copies. Please promptly advise if I need to agree to a higher fee estimate.

Thanks for your help. And, if needed, please call.

Sincerely,



Jeff Lewis