

Subject: FW: IMBA Tries to Justify Mountain Biking with Junk Science

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Anyone who bothers to read these "studies" will find that they actually prove the OPPOSITE of what they CLAIM to prove! They actually examine only damage PER MILE. Since mountain bikers typically travel several times as far as hikers (try HIKING 25-50 miles in a day!), it follows FROM THEIR OWN RESEARCH that mountain bikers have several times the impact of hikers. They also don't test mountain biking under normal conditions: they simply roll passively down a gently sloping hill -- no acceleration, no turns, no braking, all of which would apply shear (horizontal) forces to the ground. In addition, almost all studies ignore impacts on wildlife. As far as I know, every one of these "studies" was done by (surprize, surprize) a mountain biker. Besides, they are irrelevant, because the harm done by mountain biking is not related to the harm done by other activities, such as hiking. The damage is the same, regardless of what hikers or anyone else is doing!

Mike

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From: newsalerts-noreply@google.com

Subject: Google News Alert - mountain biking

PRESS RELEASE - New Science Review Indicates that Mountain Biking ...

Velonews - USA

IMBA has released a comprehensive review of scientific studies that examine the impacts of mountain biking on trails, vegetation, and wildlife. ...

<<http://www.velonews.com/tech/research/articles/5803.0.html>>

FOREST Service decision will make trail changes

Reno Gazette Journal - Reno,NV,USA

... But mountain biking instructor and former racer Max Jones III of Carson City said Tuesday the management plan is fair and necessary. ...

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<http://www.rgj.com/news/stories/html/2004/03/30/67423.php?sp1=rgj&sp2=News&sp3=Local+News&>

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INTREPID Teens Wanted for Extreme Adventures

Scoop.co.nz (press release) - New Zealand

... These include mountain biking, rock climbing, abseiling, or flying fox, water confidence course, raft building and kayaking and sailing.

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<<http://www.scoop.co.nz/mason/stories/AK0403/S00261.htm>>

EXPO will offer seminars for novices and information on ...

San Jose Mercury News - San Jose,CA,USA

... My generation was single-focused. Now you've got a younger generation that integrates fly fishing with other pursuits, such as mountain biking.

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<http://home.pacbell.net/mjvande>

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