

**Subject: FW: FW: mountain bikers**

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

From: Ernie Crist  
Sent: April 7, 2004 10:46 PM  
To: 'Cody Langton'  
Subject: RE: FW: mountain bikers

Hello Cody:

I have been trying to tell you that there is a committee consisting of mountain bikers, the District parks department and the GRVD who are reviewing this matter. The idea is to come up with a strategic plan by the fall of 2004. There will be plenty of opportunity for you to provide input and make your views known.

So don't worry, you will be able to have your say when the time comes. In the meantime happy biking. One piece of advice though, don't ever threaten anybody by stating that if the mountain bikers are not going to get what they want they will become "angry" thus inferring that they will take the law into their own hands. Such threats are useless and will do you no good. Don't forget that this is a society of laws made by democratically elected people not by rowdies threatening or engaging in violence.

Cheers,

Ernie Crist

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From: Cody Langton [<mailto:codeman09@hotmail.com>]  
Sent: April 7, 2004 1:06 PM  
To: Ernie Crist  
Subject: RE: FW: mountain bikers

We have walked the Baden Powell trail for a decade, and nobody gives a damn about the erosion of the trails, the mountain bikes run the topsoil off.

I myself admit the Baden Powell trail has erosion, but if you look at the Mountain bike trails they aren't eroded like the Baden Powell, and hiking trail as old as the Baden Powell will be eroded in the same way, for example Thetis Lake on Vancouver Island is eroded the same. I rode Fromme for the second time on April 3rd and was riding along the Baden Powell, I had such an interesting journey on it, I talked to hikers that were on the trail and had interesting conversations, not one of them was angry with us Mountain bikers and I even asked a few about the removal of the trails, and one replied back saying "That would be ridiculous." and the others had no problems with the bikers, and all were heavy users of the trail.

Biker enthusiasts are happily using chain saws higher up to fall trees to make jumping ramps.

All the trees that have been used are trees that have fallen over or broke, except the few when bike trails started being made, and then realized that wasn't such a good idea. The wickets are made from dead fall that has aged well.

Taking our dogs out of their way and now we walk with a baseball bat as we will take the law in our own hands to protect our dogs.

Having to take your dogs out of the way isn't true. Everyone on the mountain is so

friendly and nice its paradise. The dogs are fine and so are the hikers. In fact i strongly suggest you dress like a hiker and put on a hat, and invite someone from NSMB to go for a walk with you on a Sunday or Saturday and will find that you will see the truth.

I am not an environmental freak, we are middle aged people living peacefully paying a hefty property tax to get away from the crime, hassle etc from down town.

The crime is still there and its still peaceful, Its not like there is people partying up there till 12:00 at night. That is peaceful, how much worse could it get, there are no fights, no gun shootings, people are happy. All the bad talk is B.S.

Mr Crist, I read your article and anything you can do to put an end to this destruction would be greatly appreciated.

It says people yards are being flooded, that can not be blamed on bikers.

This isn't destruction, The next council meeting you should let everyone know so any residents or hikers can make their case or in other words tell you the truth of what is going on, because you do not seem to believe anyone.

If you move the trails to another area, who is going to pay for all the wood? or the time to build those trails, i bet there has been over 40 000 hours put into those trails at fromme!

You can still have the trails in that area, but make a parking lot plus washrooms/changerooms accessible from a different area.

You say the sport is growing, that mountain has the perfect terrain, and area is huge, there is plenty of room for the bike and hiking trails to grow and then some, if the hikers dont like the hiking trails to erode they should spend some time maintaining them like the mountain bikers maintain the bike trails, and in some areas on the Baden Powell trail has been maintained by bikers.

Bikers aren't angry yet, if you banned biking and tore down trails you would see angry bikers.

If its not too much trouble i would like your thought on the above topics and then some.


Thanks again

Cody Langton

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