

**Subject: RE: Effects of off-road recreation study**

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Dear Mrs. Craver;

Yes I care, but this is not about caring but about politically motivated perceptions, specifically about the perception that this will fetch some votes - they are right, it will. The challenge is to make sure that your suggestion will produce more votes.

I am sorry to put it so bluntly.

Yours truly,

Ernie Crist

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

From: M E Craver [<mailto:mecraver@shaw.ca>]

Sent: May 19, 2004 1:24 PM

To: Mayor and Council - DNV; managementcomm@dnv.org

Cc: James Ridge; Susan Rogers; Ken Bennett

Subject: Effects of off-road recreation study

Dear Mayor, Councillors, and Staff of DNV:

Please read the following study which includes the effects of mountain biking on our forested areas. This can be applied to our deer and black bears.

Also, in the light of the findings of the Alpine Recreational Strategic Study, there is no need to open Mountain View Park to mountain bikes, and the trails should be for hiking only. While the RPO has been in effect, it has slowed down mountain bikes and commercial dog walkers coming into the park. The traffic will increase if a bike trail is built. Please do not go ahead with this trail, as the biker motto goes, "Build it and they will come". There is no need for them to be in here. Yes, our community park is open to everyone, but please leave your bikes "at the door". Also, dogs off leash are harmful to the pond, especially big dogs (like labs and retrievers, who love water). Have you seen what damage has been done to the pond lately? Come and take a walk and see fresh tire tracks in the muddy part of the pond. When will someone please listen to the fact that mountain biking does not need to be in Mountain View Park, as the Alpine study has seen them focussed west of Mountain Hwy. Does anybody care that the present plan for Mountain View Park does not make any sense in light of reason and the Alpine Study? Thank you.

Monica Craver

