

Subject: [Fwd: Decommissioning Trails]

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Contains a few very minor swear words, but nothing offensive. I say post it.

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Dear Mayor and Council:

Please do a favour for Mountain View Park and close these trails to mountain biking. The "stunts" should not be rebuilt as the forest is not an amusement park for extreme sports. It belongs in private run recreational resorts. Mountain View is not a "beginner bike park" and should not be considered one. It is a sensitive wetland park home to a species at risk.

But common sense, it seems, has been scattered to the four winds. For shame. Who is issuing these permits in DNV? Who has given "King of E-Ville" permission to do this? Why is so much NSMBA trailbuilding being allowed ahead of any **final decisions** to be made to the Alpine Rec Study? Something is very wrong here. Proper process has been ignored. With all these trails leading into Mountain View Park protection of this park seems be "cosmetic". We are not fooled by imitations. Let's see real environmental leadership from DNV. Thank you.

--Monica Craver--
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this trail (**Natural High**) and "**Immanator**" are so low and **close to Mountain View Park that they are pretty darn high-profile**.

to me, if the DNV said **no stunts that low**, i could totally respect that. but that's just my take that **the low trails should be full on natural** due to the shit load of stunts we have higher up.

and to fix the stunts on either **Natural High or Immanator** is a huge project requiring a ton of wood and time. pretty much every piece of wood work on them would need to be rebuilt,,



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Yo Statix

I agree that these trails are High Profile. but that is why I feel they should be fixed up.

I agree that they are "Shitty Trail Builder" Magnets too. but that is because they are in such bad shape that the un-experianced builders / riders are trying to patch up the problems just to keep these great trails alive.

As for the *DNV's no stunt rule. Its "no new stunts" (???)*. **I have spoken to the DNV and they are willing to grant me a permit to re-build the stunts.** Currently, the stunts are dangerously constructed, yet still rideable. this poses a big concern for the **DNV**. they must either rip out all the stunts to prevent future injury due to the poor condition of the stunts, or grant a permit to allow the trail to be re-worked and constructed safely. Graham at the **DNV** told me he would like to walk it with me prior to issuing the work permit, **but indicated that they support the upgrading of this trail. (????)**

I believe the NSMBA would be doing a huge service to the MTB community by spearheading an upgrade program on these 2 trails. First, the quality constuction will show the Non-MTB community how beautiful a well built trail can be. (lots of hikers and Dog walkers see these trails. (right now they make us look bad. they are junk yards in the forest), Secondly, the up-dated and improved trails will be safer for all riders. and Third. these trails are an awsome training ground for younger riders who can't quite make the big hill climb to the higher stunts, or for the riders who don't have 3 hours to spare to get a ride in.

these trails both have great lines, flow well, and already exist with sweet stunts. to lose these stunts in a **"No New Stunt"** environment would be a Shame.

I bet the NSMBA would get a lot of support to re-built. Its too much work for 1 person, Since there is huge problems with getting construction material this low down, so most will have to be imported. If NSMBA and the DNV work together on a material collection campain for this comming summer, these trails could be fully up-grade by a few good builders. All that is needed is a big Coordinated effort to gather Material.

I smell trail day.

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E-Ville, you bring up good points. bring them to the NSMBA AGM and maybe you could get a trail day, IF you plan and lead it.

you guys are all talking about new riders and such ... IMO, we could make about 10 times the improvement to beginner riders by working on **Roadside, Griffen and King of the Shore**.

Roadside, Griffen and King of the Shore are beat, ugly and mudholes in the winter. they've seen little work in 7+ years. in addition, these are the main beginner trails on fromme and they probably see about 10X the traffic of **Natural High**, in addition to TONS of hikers.

i'm not saying **Natural High** is a bad trail or that the stunts dont flow.

i'm saying, as someone who does trail work on fromme, this trail is a VERY low priority to me, and if there was a trail day on it i'd be more inclined to f*9k off and do my own thing on other trails ...

i'm not trying to piss on your cornflakes, i'm just trying to give you some insight into why it might be hard getting people to work on it. but if you can, and DNV approves, it, awesome! 😊

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Hi Statix.

I have been working on **Lower Griffen** for 2 summers now. Its been slow since I just had a my second kid 2 years ago, and Injured my back last summer, but any time I have had free, I have put into the Lower switchbacks on **Griffen**. It is still my priority at this point. I have the drainage pretty much under control, **and now am working of rocking in as much stuff as I can**. I agree that the trails you list need work, and I agree with your numbers too. Don't really know how to respond to your comments. I just would hate to see the DNV rip out these 2 Funky trails because of neglect. the trails you list do not have the stunts that **Natural High and Immonator** have. therefore they are not as much of a priority to repair IMHO

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Quote:

Originally Posted by **KING-OF E-VILLE**
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yeah i was there on the griffen switchbacks mini trail day... that was a great project you did! OK, and there was a trail day in summer of 2004. but that's about it for the past 7 years as far as i know ...

this might be good to discuss at the AGM as the lower trails in general are rather neglected ... that much we can agree on 😊

it could probably even be worked to have a trail day on the lower trails in general with groups on N.H. and the others ...

i don't think there is much chance we'd lose **Natural High or Immanator** all together, the question in my mind is a) will they allow the stunts to be rebuilt and b) where would all that wood come from... a lot of materials are required!

anyways...