

**Subject: [Fwd: Re: FW: Media Release/Clear-cut on Fromme Mountain]**

**Date:** Tue, 08 Mar 2005 14:16:15 -0800

**From:** Brian Platts <bplatts@shaw.ca>

**To:** Corrie Kost <kost@triumf.ca>

**Subject: Re: FW: Media Release/Clear-cut on Fromme Mountain**

**Date:** Tue, 08 Mar 2005 03:15:19 +0000 (GMT)

**From:** Elizabeth James <cagebc@yahoo.com>

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7 March 2005

Greetings:

Unfortunately, this is the type of happening that results when there is a general lack of attention to encroachments onto District land, and when a mere slap on the wrist is the District response to illegal structures being built without permit - e.g. "canopies" over the Capilano.

In this case, one has to ask whether this area was cut down (a) to enhance a view (not likely), or (b) to make way for more "sweet" cabins to house weekend parties; or, perhaps, (c) to allow for "challenging" mountain bike obstacles.

It is to be hoped that Mayor Harris - and the rest of council - means business this time and that more will result than a '2-years after the fact' stamping of the foot.

Judging by the cost to taxpayers for staff, council and legal FTEs, it would likely be cheaper to hire a couple of bylaw custodians to prevent the problems than to make [futile?] efforts to deal with them two years after the transgressors have left the scene.

Sincerely,  
Liz James

*Ernie Crist <ernie\_crist@dnv.org> wrote:*

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**From:** Colleen Brow

**Sent:** Monday, March 07, 2005 5:07 PM

**To:** Mayor and Council - DNV; Senior Management Committee

**Cc:** Andy Robinson; Daina Hibbard; 'crabold@cnv.org'; Donna Knifton; Kathy Hobbs; Anne Greenwell

**Subject:** Media Release/Clear-cut on Fromme Mountain

Hello,

The attached news release highlights the recent discovery of a clear-cut area on Fromme Mountain. It was distributed to the media this afternoon.

Colleen Brow  
Communications &  
Community Relations Officer

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**For immediate release**

**March 7, 2005**

**District discovers clear-cut on <?xml:namespace prefix = st1 ns =  
"urn:schemas-microsoft-com:office:smarts" />Fromme Mountain**

A routine inspection has unveiled a large clear-cut area in the forested region of Mount Fromme. Further inspection reveals that numerous trees on a one-acre site have been cut down.

“We believe the trees were cut down a couple of years ago, probably before June 2003”, says Senior Park Ranger Andy Robinson. “Due to the remote location, it was extremely difficult to locate, as it’s deep into the forest, far off any marked trail.”

The trees were cut down in a rough, unprofessional manner, and left on site, presenting a significant fire and environmental hazard. Staff also discovered abandoned fuel tanks in the area.

“It’s shocking that anyone would have such disregard for our environment and our laws in place,” says North Vancouver District Mayor Janice Harris. “We will not tolerate this destruction of our forested area and anyone found guilty of this type of vandalism will be prosecuted in accordance with District Bylaws.”

Adds Robinson: “We’re not sure why anyone would want to cut down trees in this area. However, we plan on revisiting the site in the next few days when the snow has cleared so that we can have a better look around to determine the next steps.”

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