

**Subject: FW: Ryan @ Cochrane Cycle**

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From: Ernie Crist

Sent: Thursday, February 24, 2005 8:08 PM

To: 'Ryan Selk'

Subject: RE: Ryan @ Cochrane Cycle

Dear Mr. Ryan:

The problem is not biking on hard surfaced mountain roads or any other hard surfaced road for that matter but biking on steep and forested mountain slopes especially when they are subject to heavy precipitation as is the case on Mount Fromme. I believe Mountain Biking should and can be accommodated in a larger and more suitable environment which includes parking facilities, washrooms etc. This is why I want the GVRD and the provincial government and possibly the private sector involved. I thank you for your response.

Yours truly,

Ernie Crist

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

From: Ryan Selk [<mailto:ryanselk@gmail.com>]

Sent: Thursday, February 24, 2005 4:38 PM

To: Ernie Crist

Subject: Ryan @ Cochrane Cycle

Dear Mr. Christ

I have been following you stand on the mountainbike issue.As I am not a local resident I realise that I have no say, being from western Alberta our situation in Canmore was very similar.I'm sure you would be familiar with this situation as it extremely similar to the situation that you are in with regards to mountain biking. In Canmore the trails did get shut down, all of the riders fined for riding them. Out of nowhere, the biking community came out, fighting for a fairer system. Today canmore has a bigger biking community then ever before. But instead of the small network of trails that existed before, there are now several custom illegal trails. These trails follow no guidelines, and are rarely found. The injury rate has increases significantly due to these almost 'pro only' trails. Currently it looks as if the first trails will be reopened.

Now the north shore is not just another place to mountain bike. As far as most are concerned it is the birthplace of what we call ''freeriding' or 'downhill' mountain biking. Every video features the north shore as the premiere location. The freeride mountain bike community is not very large, most of it is based in BC, Western Alberta and the NW United States. But we are a pretty close community. I know when the Canmore issue was brought up we had support from everywhere, it really does suck to loose a part of a sport that we love so much.

From the other emails I have read on various mountain biking web forums (nsmb.com , mtbr.com , dropmachine.com , pinkbike.com , hcor.net ) it seems you are very set on your position on the issue. I am fine with


that, I can understand where you are coming from as I know people are against mountain biking, I have to deal with them on a daily basis. What I will say though, the mountain bike community is not going to be gone overnight, the multi-million dollar industry isn't going to just disappear. People who have invested in large amount of money on sometimes several bikes. Its a way of life, not an activity.

In the small town I live in I am very happy to see younger people getting into the sport. Its an excellent healthy activity. I know it has helped me out of many situations in regards to life choices. If for some reason you would like to discuss the matter further from a personal or even economic perspective please contact me.

Thank you for your time.

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