

Subject: [Fwd: Concerned U.S. Mountain Biker]

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Dear Council,

I am writing in concerns to the article about North Shore Mountain Biking on Mt. Fromme. Rather I talk forever about what a memorable experience upon my visits in Vancouver, I had I thought it might be best to keep it short by including my opinions of the many benefits your trails and the community that use them provide.

Last August was the first time I had ventured outside the U.S. entirely on my own in hopes to see a brighter future. I was traveling not only to revisit some the most renown trails in the world, but to learn more of the benefits for myself in the mountain biking industry. During my trip, I was amazed of how many small businesses have thrived in tour guiding, training camps, shuttling services, and bike shops within the North Shore alone. As an 18 year old, I spent \$1200 in less then 4 days alone at my stay in Vancouver and I hope to spend much more in the future in order to have the privilege of riding in Canada's unique environment. Because the trip had such a profound impression on me amongst the people I met along my journey, I will always cherish Vancouver as the oasis for all outdoor activists. Before you decide to make a decision of what to do with Mt. Fromme, please consider the huge following of people all of the globe just like me who regard that mountain as the Mecca of Mountain Biking, and to take it away would be detrimental to the enormous positive benefits that mountain bikers can provide economically, politically, and socially.

Sincerely,
Ivan DeMasters

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