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Previously "Dangerous" Dan Cowan was in the news for his efforts in promoting his chosen entertainment and the result according to the report to Mr. James Ridge was 30 live trees cut and at least 50 more spiked. Cowan claimed no one should be concerned about his tree spiking since he felt it was only relevant if logging was planned - as if tree spiking itself was not a crime against nature.

Now we have another case where even more trees have been illegally cut.

I urge Council to devote all efforts to catching and prosecuting the culprits.

I note in this context that while mountain bikers have not been proven to be at fault here that they routinely discussing stashing chain saws in the woods. No other recreational group seems to require chain saws for the advancement of their sport and one has to ask why.

But the REAL question to be asked concerns the Alpine Recreational Strategic Study methodology of breaking down the forest into polygons with a view to forest management. DNV has spent a considerable sum on its GIS system and it is a pride of the District.

Clearly Staff have NOT properly applied the methodology to studying the forest as we've been led to believe since had they been as careful as we've been told this clear cut would have been discovered long ago. How can the public have confidence that the forest management zones advocated by the ARSS are based on best practices and well thought out planning in light of this?

I simply repeat my previous statement that trail-building is NOT in itself a laudable public good and that there are many areas where trails would be best decommissioned for the long-term good of the forest. One such area is the region between Hastings Creek and Lynn Canyon where all trails north of the Baden-Powell should be decommissioned immediately.

Best regards,
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