

Subject: FW: Mountain Bikes on the North Shore (BC)

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To: Mayor Harris; Angila Bains; Mayor and Council - DNV

Subject: Mountain Bikes on the North Shore (BC)

North Vancouver District Council

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Re: Mountain Bikes on the North Shore (BC)

Dear Mayor and Council,

This letter is in response to Monica Craver's response to Lynn Brown's letter discouraging mountain bikes on trails currently being used for hiking, equestrian recreation and preservation.

Mountain bikers are not interested in preserving the land or the nature it holds. They tear up the land, the flora and scare away the fauna. The mountain bikers that I have had personal contact with are not interested in following marked trails or trail etiquette. I have found them to be rude and display a perverse attitude that they own the land. They take no personal responsibility for their actions whether it's littering, tearing up the land or being civil with people. I also have been on the other end when, a long time ago I use to participate in off road activities. The land becomes desolate and unusable for anything.

When it is considered, I always ask myself, who would be benefit from this? The bicycle manufacturers, the tire manufacturers, the bicycle clothiers, accessory companies and bicycle magazines. It certainly will not benefit your forests, unless they are willing to pay you to repair the damage.

I would hope that you would not give in to a big business that would not be concerned with your environment that they are promoting to misuse. I am a United States citizen and I am embarrassed and horrified how our land in every state is being stripped by big corporations for profit. Is it getting to the point where the United States will become a waste land, so people have to go visit our neighbor Canada to recreate and make your land a waste land?

I know you have received a letter from Lynn Brown. I live and ride my horse in the same places as she does. If it was not for her tremendous efforts to limit bicycles to paved roads only, the City of Los Angeles would probably have been embroiled in many problems with the park like erosion and accidents with hikers and equestrians. She is an intelligent and thoughtful person who has seen where a seemingly small request turns into a huge issue. I may not be eloquent or savvy in the ways of government, but I hope you would strongly consider not letting the mountain bikers take over your beautiful country and turning it into a mud hill.

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