

Subject: [Fwd: Re: Correspondence]

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Subject: Re: Correspondence

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From: M E Craver <mecraver@shaw.ca>

To: Mayor and Council - DNV <Council@dnv.org>

CC: "FONVCA (E-mail)" <fonvca@fonvca.org>, James Ridge <James_Ridge@dnv.org>

Dear Mayor and Council

For your information and files. I have never written to NSMB.com personally, but only answer e-mails first initiated by people like Mr. McRae who send them to my private e-mail address. I do feel strongly that the whole story be told, not part of it -- so I wrote to Mr. McRae. That is the final correspondence between my self and Mr. McRae. I am not a "pro", but am a very concerned and determined citizen who cares about the environment and safety issues on our natural lands. I only wish there were more of us who felt strongly as I do. A sign of our times? -- I do not know anymore.

I do know, however, one cannot hike in peace anymore, as multi-use trails for mountain biking keep us "on our toes". It has displaced our wildlife, and damaged many forest plants. Sharing the trails does not make for peaceful and serene hiking or nature walks anymore. It is clear to many which sports group feels they "own the forest". When I speak of "our forest", I speak of all citizens of DNV, not me, personally. It is everybodys' forest, but we do not have the right to do whatever we wish on DNV public land and parks.

The mountain bikers determined that they would do whatever they wish on this land. So once again -- who feels they "own the forest"? They purposely came to build and ride in the forest without permission and, to date--without penalty, and are continuously being rewarded for their "unauthorized activities". Just because a sport becomes popular under those conditions, doesn't make it right. A bike is a vehicle -- it has wheels and propels human beings. The mountain bikers may tell you otherwise. If it looks like a duck, walks like a duck, and quacks like a duck -- it most likely is a duck. It is not never too late to make the right decision for Fromme and other DNV forest lands, and natural parks. Better late than never.

Please consider the most realistic and sensible proposal to allow private enterprise and recreational resorts to carry the extreme sport of mountain biking. That is a win-win situation for all, and the most cost effective. The renegades, such as the Dan Cowans in this sport will either "move away", or accept this, and the sport will become legitimized by containing it, controlling it, and enforcing rules and regulations that make it safe for all. The natural forest areas of DNV can then be enjoyed by all -- on foot. (including mountain bikers -- who leave their bikes at home.) This will be better for the flora and fauna. The other problem to control is the many dogs running off leash in the forests, both private and commercial dog-walkers. Hopefully this will soon be addressed, also. This then assures we will have a living forest legacy for future generations, ensuring a wider range of forest biodiversity. We are only a few short years away from "old growth". Thank you.

--Monica Craver--

Cam McRae wrote:

Biased coming from you is like Bin Laden accusing someone of being a terrorist.

I posted that before the rest of our tedious exchange but I have no problem with the rest either. I too stand by everything I said and those who visit our board do not consider you a reasonable person. There is plenty of evidence for that and in fact many in our community feel that you actually help our cause. Complaining about the trail day on the Baden Powell is a great example of that.

I have to say that I find it interesting watching council meetings to discover we are not the only targets of your complaints. You are clearly a pro.

Thanks for visiting our site and generating traffic revenue for us.

On 5-Mar-05, at 11:00 AM, M E Craver wrote:

Dear Mr. McRae: Don't you think it is a little "biased" not to print the rest of the correspondence between us re: "Our Trail Days" on your NSMB.com bulletin board? I have no problem with FONVCA placing it on their site, either, as I can back up everything I say. Thank you.

--Monica C.--