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From: Steve Williams <steve@kashas.com>

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I've been trying to keep up on the happenings with trail issues up there and am thick in the middle of trail issues down here in Vancouver, Washington. I've got dual citizenship (I was born in Calgary) and I love Canada. I understand the environmental concerns regarding mountain biking and the stereotype of the riders. I also can assure you that there are ways around banning this wonderful activity from the area while maintaining the environment and natural beauty. As an avid rider myself, I would plea to you and other people in high places to consider the many other options available. I feel the best answer among others is to have a specially selected group of intelligent, conscientious riders that care about keeping the environmental quality, beauty, and safety as best as possible by being in control of trail design, constant maintenance, and monitoring of the trail systems. As government employees, they would be bound to keeping the best interests of the government and the state's/province's citizens at heart. It may seem far fetched, but I know the mutual respect between riders, and the respect that this scenario would bring from all riders to the government and its laws would be substantial! Thank you for yourtime, and I hope that you will give my idea ample consideration. Sincerely, Steve Williams