

Subject: RE: Concerning the exchanges between Cam McRae and Ernie Crist

Date: Thu, 26 May 2005 23:44:40 -0700

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Well Jordi, you are absolutely right. On the other hand, you might as well learn the rules of this ugly game early in life. This is not about common sense nor reasoning nor good will. This is about one group of people hell bent on using one unsuitable mountain for biking and the hell with the rest of world or the environment or the affected residents. This why I don't waste my time and come right to the point. I am sorry if I have disappointed you. You probably deserved better but I have been around for a while and I know the rules of engagement. Also, I do not have the time to go into long winded explanations. The principles are clear. Should mountain biking be tolerated on steep forested, ecologically sensitive slopes or should it be confined to hard surfaced roads and trails steep or otherwise? That is the issue and there is no other issue. The question is, on whose side are you on? Are you with those who are aware as to what is at stake here or are you with the ecology barbarians? It is your world and your environment and someday you may have to explain your stance to your children.

Ernie Crist

-----Original Message-----

From: jordi viladas [<mailto:jordi98112@hotmail.com>]

Sent: Thursday, May 26, 2005 10:02 PM

To: Ernie Crist

Subject: RE: Concerning the exchanges between Cam McRae and Ernie Crist

Mr. Crist, I am curious, did you even read my preceding e-mail, because if you did, then I surely must not have made my point correctly, as I never once posed inquirey as to what the real issue was.

>From: "Ernie Crist" <ernie_crist@dnv.org>

>To: "jordi viladas" <jordi98112@hotmail.com>, <cam@nsmb.com>

>Subject: RE: Concerning the exchanges between Cam McRae and Ernie Crist

>Date: Wed, 25 May 2005 23:21:02 -0700

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>Hello Jordi ;

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>The bottom line is that recreation biking is a sport with a huge growth

>potential. It requires thinking first rather than building trails first

>and do the thinking after. Some people are hell bent on doing it the

>other way around. I have been in this business for a long time and I

>know that it never works. It is my duty to say so. This is what this

>issue is all about.

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>Regards,

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>Ernie Crist

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>-----Original Message-----

>From: jordi viladas [<mailto:jordi98112@hotmail.com>]

>Sent: Wednesday, May 25, 2005 7:00 PM

>To: cam@nsmb.com; Ernie Crist

>Subject: Concerning the exchanges between Cam McRae and Ernie Crist

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>Hello to you both,
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>I would like to start by introducing myself. My name is Jordi Viladas,
>I am
>15 years old and live in Seattle, Washington. I have been mountain
>biking for two years, and though I have never been to any "north shore"
>style trails, I consider myself educated as to their nature.
>I have been following the exchanges between the both of you on nsmb.com

>and I have found a very obvious emerging theme. It seems to me that
>this has become less of a battle for mountain biking on Mt. Fromme, but

>more of a battle between the two of you. While the insults started out
>subtle and cunning (I am referring to the article "Another Letter From
>Councilor Crist"
>http://nsmb.com/shore_news/crist2_05_05.php) it became very obvious
>that by the end of the article you were only trying to bust each others

>chops.
>While I am not extremely versed in the political situation of the
>question of mountain bikes on Mt. Fromme, I do have a simple
suggestion.
>I suggest that you two cease to e-mail each other with such messages as

>the ones in "Another Letter From Councilor Crist".
>While as I have said, I don't know the political details, I suggest
>that you compromise on a very small level.
>Mr. Crist, I acknowledge that mountain bikes may be causing erosion on
>such slopes as those found on Mt. Fromme, but I must concede, your
>argument would hold a lot more value if you would accept Mr. McRae's
>invitation and join him on the Mt. Fromme trails for a civil tour.
>Also, I think that if you justify banning mountain biking on the slopes
of Mt.
>Fromme for "environmental concerns", then the next logical step of
>progression would be to ban mountain biking on all mountains in British

>Colombia, and that as I am sure you know, would not be a battle worth
>starting. If you have ulterior motives, I suggest you come clean with
>said arguments, as then you cannot be accused of using environmental
>concern as a cover up.
>Mr. McRae, being a mountain biker myself, I place very much value on
>our right to ride such trails as Fromme, though I have never been to
>the north shore myself. I do think however, that your responses to Mr.
>Crist should be kept more civil, as while you have not yet stooped to
>strait up name calling (I only read half of the article, so it would
>not surprise me in the least if that is not the case) it still reflects

>poorly on us in the mountain biking community. (Mr. Crist, just because


>your insults may be more cleverly worded and subtle makes them no less
>mature) I feel that you should keep things civil with Mr. Crist, and
>only exchange with him on a strictly business level, as your previous
>exchanges have obviously not dissuaded him from pressing forward to ban

>mountain biking on Mt. Fromme.
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>Let the other have the last word. You are both reflecting poorly on the

>parties you represent, and these exchanges you both claim to dislike
>have turned into nothing more than a baseline rally.
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>Sincerely,
>Jordi Viladas
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