

Subject: [Fwd: Re: The NSMB.com thread]

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Dear Cam: Thanks for the morning humour published on your website, today. I never laughed so hard!. A mountain biking teenager happened to e-mail me and alert me to the posted thread. It is clear your mind is closed, and nothing I say or do will change that fact. It is not I who will lose in the end, but the forest flora and fauna. It is not about me, but about the future state of natural and wild places and the problem of recreational over-use, especially by off-road vehicles of *any kind*. On the Mtn.Hwy/Grouse gravel service road you do no damage. Off of it you do. It is that simple. Long ago, our forefathers heavily logged the forest on Fromme, not understanding the implications of their actions. In the 21st century, you cannot reasonably say you do not understand the implications of your actions. That is the difference. I am not "perfect", but I do not *knowingly* go into the forest and do purposeful damage to it. There is only one being who lived on earth whocould claim perfection, and it was not "Crist".

Councillor Crist and I just happen to be the few "outspoken" ones (politician and private citizen), that's all. My position has been to advocate for sensible solutions for mountain biking-- like placing it in already *developed* recreational resorts with amenities in place -- not the continuing "free-ride" you have now, running roughshod over sensitive areas, or "modifying" the trails for a "better ride". The present situation is not feasible, nor economically/ecologically sound. My last letter was addressed to Councillor Crist and the general public. It was a "bait letter". You bit. Take care.

Monica Craver