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Dear Friends:

For your information. Other than environmental damage, the damage this sport does to our children, teens, grandchildren is a real problem. There was a death of a teenager on some dirt jumps in Nanaimo (he is "brain-dead" and being kept alive by life-support for two weeks, in order for his organs to be donated). The mountain bikers in this forum do admit that mountain biking is a very dangerous sport. My letter to Council and Mayor. Take care. --Monica Craver--

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

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Dear Mayor and Council: Please read this thread on NSMB.com It is a very good discussion by mountain bikers about the risk involved in their sport. They talk about the injuries incurred at Whistler -- a recreational resort with "safety standards" in place. What it comes down to is that this sport can no longer be the "free ride it has been in the past. The numbers are growing and more children and teens are entering it. Fromme is not the place for mountain biking if DNV is to be responsible. Mountain biking belongs in places like Whistler, Cypress, Grouse?, and maybe...LSCR, if they run the show, not the NSMBA. The sport is at the stage it needs to be regulated, or we will see more and more children dying. Fromme is too dangerous --some mountain bikers have stated that this area is ridden mostly by the 3% to 5% of extreme riders in the sport. The fact that this discussion comes from the mountain bikers themselves should make DNV Council and Staff sit up and take notice. It will be irresponsible, on many counts, to continue to allow mountain biking on Fromme, in light of the following info. Thank you.

--Monica Craver--

<http://bb.nsmb.com/showthread.php?t=59695>

The following is an excerpt of the above thread's discussion:  
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### relative risk????

I try to keep away from forums, but the rash of bad accidents that I have heard about, and indeed have lost riding friends to has compelled me to write. I expect that there will be many of you out there that think I am a wimpy old rider and that I should hang up my bikes and armour, but I will take the risk of getting called that and worse....here's my line:

Just wondering...does anyone know if IMBA or otherwise has conducted any statistical analysis of mountain biking injuries? I just read about the 15 year old boy that was killed in an accident in a jump park (my sister knew the family and they are devastated--their only child killed by an accident). I know that at least one school bike club is not allowed to ride in the technical training area because of the liability and if it was not for that, the organizer was not going to let them ride there either because of all the nasty accidents that we have witnessed. I won't let my kids ride there either. They are allowed to ride the man made stuff at Mt. Washington, but only after I have given it the OK for safety....and I do that every time that we go there as the conditions change almost daily. I also make sure that they get off the trail when "big bikes" are coming as we frequently (no...sometimes) find that they are ridden by kids who have more bravado than brains—or talent.

It seems to me that a service would be done to the mountain biking community if some stats were compiled. I bet there are very few accidents on true cross country trails (I did hear about the Kolapore accident where an apparently inexperienced rider fell in a hole and was seriously injured). I dunno, but it really seems to me that the industry could be protected more by using our heads and providing safe riding areas and protecting riders from hurting themselves. I know that there is a place for the free ride trails and stunts, but maybe, just maybe, we would get a lot more riding areas if we were to keep free ride and man-made separated from cross country (and it does not have to be lame cross country—most of the natural stuff at Hartland is cross country). This might serve a number of needs....letting parents and riders know about the relative danger of the various forms of riding, separating high liability riding areas from low or no liability areas (man made versus natural for example) and separating insurance premiums for low risk areas from insurance premiums for high risk riding areas, for example. **Gotta get back to work, but reading the nsmb forum page on the accident just saddened and sickened me as a rider and as a parent. Accidents will happen, but we really need, as a community, to do more to protect our fellow riders.**



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**Just watch the meatwagon up at whistler on a given day and youll see how crazy this sport it is.**

In the past four years I know three people who have had spinal injuries although all can still walk now although one was quite severe. At one point a few years ago id say that 10 -20 % of all riders I knew were injured although it seems to have toned down latley.

**Its alot more dangerous sport than many of us care to accept.**

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I drain the shore.



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I'd love to see the stats for the whistler bike park, especially broken down into injury types. I heard that they have about the same number of injuries per day as in the ski season, but the number of people on the hill is of course maybe 1/10th, so the rate is much higher.

Riding up there and on the shore, I often see young kids riding with minimal armour and skid lids and I wonder if their parents really know what kind of stuff they are riding and the risks they are taking. Heck, I wonder if the kids themselves know what risks they are taking. After hearing about some of the more gruesome facial injuries at whistler, I'd be pretty worried if I had kids who were into riding. They'd have to make me pretty confident in their judgement before I'd let them ride on their own.

Maybe some detailed accident reports, similar to the annual "Accidents in North American Mountaineering" reports, would help with assessing the risks.

**In terms of friends getting injured to the point of needing medical treatment, mountain biking is by far the most dangerous sport I've been involved in (among climbing, skiing, scuba, road riding, motorcycling, kayaking etc). Of course, it's also the most fun....**