

**Subject:** [Fwd: What has happened to fair and democratic public process?]  
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**Subject:** What has happened to fair and democratic public process?  
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Dear Mayor and Council:

What has become of fair and democratic public process? I am referring specifically to the **Alpine Recreational Strategic Plan with regards to the ongoing Trails Assessment and Classification Consultation.**

As I have attended (by invitation) a couple Trail Classification Workshops, I know for a fact that one mountain bike trail, Pink Starfish, is being recommended for closure (or relocation). If this is the case, why have certain DNV parks staff derailed proper and democratic process by allowing **NSMBA Trail Days on Pink Starfish (Fromme)** on both August 12, 2007 and **now, September 30, 2007**? It has been stated that DNV parks staff is allowing the NSMBA to do work on it for "safety-related" issues. We know that is not really the case at all, and proof of that has been served by an NSMBA executive, known as "**Heckler**" on the nsmb.com chat board:

from: <http://bb.nsmb.com/showthread.php?t=99702>

"Actually, the ARRG recommendation was to close the trail completely, **but we're working to prevent that.**  
More people coming out to the trail day would help the cause to keep Pinky open."

"**Master Plan Dan**" states:

"Great trail that needs the attention **to stop it from being decommissioned.**  
A Shore classic...  
Be there!"  
Dan

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**Until yesterday (September 11, 2007) afternoon, the Fromme Trail Day trail was still TBA.** Checking it later in the afternoon, I found that **Pink Starfish**, the recommended for closure trail, **is to be worked on again by the NSMBA, on September 30th**, with parks staff permission? More from "**Heckler**" on this purposeful derailing of fair and democratic public process:

<http://bb.nsmb.com/showthread.php?t=101277>

**Sept 30 - Pink Starfish NSMBA Trail Day by OnTop Bike Shop**

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You bet, more up hill trannies!

[www.nsmba.bc.ca](http://www.nsmba.bc.ca)

[More of this goodness coming on September 30!](#)



Why then bother wasting taxpayers money and time on feedback and consultation services if DNV parks staff is going ahead making one specific self-interest group very happy, at the expense of all others? Why not close the Pink Starfish trail *temporarily*, instead, if there are "safety issues"? This was a little used trail, anyhow. In a like case, another trail on Fromme was "resurrected", also, in disregard to the Trails Assessment and Classification consultation process -- **Natural High**, (which has had ongoing building on it, to date. Building on this trail is politically motivated, as this trail was little, if unused, for several years!). "Build on it and we will get to keep it" seems to be the NSMBA "motto". Who is aiding and abetting the NSMBA, at the expense of all other stakeholders in ARRG, etc.?

I am politely asking Mayor and Council to please **give direction to our *unelected* DNV Parks Management Staff to cancel this particular trail day on September 30th** in light of the informational proof I have given you -- that this trail day is politically motivated, not "safety related". Why should one self-interest group be able to disregard proper and democratic process and get away with it? Why should the rest of DNV citizens bother with public process, if this is the case?

Please work to protect fair and democratic public process as our *elected* members of council. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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