

Subject: Fwd: Reality Check - Don't delete this one!

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Dear Mayor and Council:

There is clearly a double standard with mountain biking inside DNV:

Let us count the ways -

- 1) There is plenty of DNV funding for trails on Mount Fromme, but none for proper parking lots and amenities away from residences.
- 2) There is lots of funding for a myriad of Trail signs on Mount Fromme, etc., but none for proper "Residents' Parking Only" (RPO) signs in our neighbourhood. DNV refuses to do anything about it. Mountain bikers continue to abuse the little enforced bylaw.
- 3) There are many dangerous and unsafe multi-use and biking only trails, but none for hikers only! (at least not on the Mountain View side of Fromme).
- 4) I have noted that DNV has removed all the "No mountain biking/environmental sensitivity" signage in Mtn. View Park, recently. Those tiny "frog stewardship" signs still remain --but for how long? If they should ever fall off or get vandalized, I very much doubt DNV would replace them (considering their ongoing record for pandering to mountain biker at great cost to other stakeholders and forest users.)
- 5) Finally, DNV's handing one trail at a time to the NSMBA through the NSMBA's "Trail Adoption Plan" on Seymour, has effectively shut out other stakeholders and forest users from having a fair and democratic say in all this.

Is this the kind of "mindful and careful; fair, democratic, and balanced" planning that DNV expects us to accept? It's time for a reality check!

--Monica Craver--

(Mountain View Park wetland and upland area IS a Species at Risk Habitat -- it should NOT remain a Mountain Bike Thoroughway! We would appreciate proper RPO signage in our neighbourhood respecting the promised buffer zone between the "sport" and our residences. Thank you very much. I am still waiting....)



Meanwhile here is some real proof mountain bikers really do understand the damage they do, that they equally understand the value of what they choose to run over -- but don't care one iota! How can mountain bikers watch something like this, then go hop on a mountain bike to "rip and shred" it? I don't understand that kind of mentality at all. Those minds are clearly disconnected from the reality:

<http://bb.nsmc.com/showthread.php?t=141379>

"get over the ego..."

Mountain biking is a very consumptive sport in our natural places and parks!