

Subject: Fwd: NSMBA "Trail Adoption Plan" a Sham
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Subject: NSMBA "Trail Adoption Plan" a Sham
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Dear Fonvca: I wrote the following letter to the Editor of the North Shore News in response to another letter written praising the NSMBA's "Trail Adoption Plan"

<http://www.nsnews.com/travel/NSMBA+launches+trail+adoption+plan/4592194/story.html>

My letter in response to:

<http://www.nsnews.com/travel/Giving+credit+where/4668180/story.html>

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From: Monica Craver <mecraver@shaw.ca>
Date: Monday, April 25, 2011 12:00 pm
Subject: Letter to the editor
To: editor@nsnews.com

Dear Editor:

Gabriel Mazoret, in his letter to the editor, April 24th (Giving Credit Where Due), clearly does not understand the real purpose behind the NSMBA's "new" Trail Adoption Program (TAP). Unlike the many Trail Adoption Programs initiated by the Federation of Mountain Clubs BC and others upstanding groups, the NSMBA has started their TAP for purely selfish purposes.

The NSMBA clearly states on their "Trail Adoption Plan" web page: "We are a voice for the mountain biking community of the North Shore. We develop and sustain a network of trails that provide opportunity for challenge and progression, while fostering mountain bike culture..." Does this sound like the NSMBA are building trails for other forest users to enjoy? Mountain bike trails include the building of "Disneyfied" amusement park-like structures for sole use by the mountain bikers. Mountain bike trails are not "hiker-friendly" trails. The NSMBA's mission has always been "dedicated to the preservation of trails for bikers on the North Shore of Vancouver." Bikers! No one else!

We have a very aggressive self-interest group who continue to "jump queue", like they have been doing for years. The District of North Vancouver's questionable support of NSMBA's TAP venture, and other mountain biking venues on its public land clearly makes a sham out of fair and democratic public process, to the detriment of other forest users and stakeholders. It doesn't help to ensure the ongoing ecological integrity of our flora and fauna, either. The NSMBA/DNV "partnership" is, in effect, commercializing and privatizing our public forests and parkland. Is this really what Gabriel Mazoret and other DNV citizens want?

--Monica Craver--



But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. (Amos 5:24)