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Hello Mayor and Council,

I would have spoken during the public input last night if I hadn't felt intimidated by the majority of the audience company being kept in the district chambers. I apologize, but the 'no clapping rule' would not have helped me feel more comfortable.

I have been a mountain biker for 20 years and much of the riding I have done has been on Mt. Fromme and Seymour. About five years ago I stopped riding on those trails because of the difficulty and safety levels and because of what I observed as considerable forest floor damage by erosion.

With the possible exception of Mayor Walton because I know he is a cyclist, have any other DNV council members taken the time to closely investigate or ride the trails on either of these hills?

In this day where the environment is seriously challenged on so many fronts and our children's and grandchildren's future in jeopardy, it is my opinion that the activity of mountain biking adds a serious threat to local hillside bio diversities and ecosystems. DNV staff even had a work shop last year on this very issue that disappearing bio diversities are perhaps our single biggest environmental concern.

During last night's regular council meeting it was suggested that the environmental trail assessment review of 2006/7 needs to be revisited and reassessed and I urge you to do this before there is any more expansion of this activity on the trails. This review/assessment should be done by a completely independent body, with absolutely no association to the NSMBA or the DNV.

Best of the season to you.

Sincerely,  
John Sharpe  
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