

Subject: Fwd: Re:"The economic future looks bare for B.C.'s ski resorts" -- A viable solution
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Subject: Re:"The economic future looks bare for B.C.'s ski resorts" -- A viable solution
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For your information.
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Dear Mayors and Councils:

With bad news like this, you would think that dialogue between the three North Shore Ski Resorts, NSMBA, and North Shore municipalities would have begun long ago. What merit is there allowing the ongoing mountain biking freeride in our public forests, carried on the backs of taxpayers, when our three private ski resorts are found wanting? There is no revenue in it for these three resorts as long as the mtbing freeride on our public forests below them is questionably supported by DNV and DWV. The ski resort idea works. We can see this in Whistler, and elsewhere.

What would you rather see: Three ski resorts go under for lack of snow? Or,

mountain bikers/fat tire (snow) bikers "paying to play" on them; while banning the freeride from the public forests, altogether? Why should the majority non-mountain bikers have to pay for a minority mountain bikers' self-gratification to do whatever they wish on our public forests, unabated, while abusing the natural environment and making it dangerous for any other forest user to enjoy. All that riding and trail digging four seasons a year, rain or shine, day and night is just not sustainable. Those jump structures, berms and rollercoasters built on the trails are not inclusive, and restrict the enjoyment of every other forest user, on foot or hoof. Remember, the renegade mountain bikers first came onto our public forest land to ride and build without permission, crying that there was no other places to ride. Now there is a place for them, and a very legitimate place for them...Why continue pursuing what are unsustainable and very costly solutions, when the answer is right in front of you?

It is time for the mountain bikers to pay to play, supporting our three ailing ski resorts. It only makes common sense, in light of this recent article:

<http://www.theprovince.com/life/story.html?id=9510745>

I urge you to seriously consider it, helping to protect what still remains of our public forests from further off-road recreation abuse, and to ensure the next generations' enjoyment of it, while leaving intact and viable forests to battle climate change naturally. Thank you.

--Monica Craver--