

Subject: Fwd: Fromme Mountain Recreational Parking and Staging Project Concerns
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No post. FONVCA review.

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Subject: Fromme Mountain Recreational Parking and Staging Project Concerns
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I am disturbed at the fact that this parking lot will bring in far too much mountain biking traffic down the slopes into Mountain View Park. All the trails below the escarpment need to be closed to mountain biking (and hiking on the slope) to prevent further erosion and instability. Mountain Bikers have already stated that they will avoid the parking lot by riding through Mountain View Park, and the trails up the ever-eroding escarpment slope. We need less mountain biking inside this much beleaguered park, not more.

The trails coming down the escarpment that need to be **closed to MTBing and Hiking** are Lower Griffen Trail **below** Natural High; Immonator **and** Lower Griffen Switchback Trail.

The other trail that needs to be **decommissioned and closed to mountain biking** is the Lower Griffen Ascent Trail, which was an worthless trail cut through without any rhyme or reason by the NSMBA. It never should have been rebuilt.

The trails that should **remain open to Hiking Only** are: **The Baden Powell Trail**, between Mountain Hwy/Grouse Service Road and the Headwaters Park. And, the gravel "**Water Towers Trail**" exiting below the Baden Powell to the McNair Dr. Water Towers. I find it highly amusing that this "Water Towers" trail is marked "Bikes Only".

Sorry to say this, but I am believing that everyone just makes up the rules as they go along -- anything to appease the mountain bikers, while thumbing one's nose at those who wish to see more protection, conservation and restoration for the species at risk park and pond:
Mountain View Park.

Fencing and blockades at the top of those trails is recommended to

prevent mountain biking up and down those trails up the escarpment slopes: Lower Griffen, Immonator and Lower Griffen Switchback Trails. It only makes common sense to do this. We have a wetland jewel DNV should be protecting, not making it fodder for off-road wreckreation!

My final concern is --- How will DNV prevent mountain bikers from continuing to park on the Upper Lynn Valley streets next to their trailheads, without further and proper ENFORCED Residents' Parking Only (RPO) signage implemented below Coleman and all streets below it? (eg. Mill Street, Evelyn, Dempsey-Braemar, etc.?)

If MTB parking is allowed on our streets, then it defeats the whole purpose of this very expensive (\$585,000) habitat-destroying parking lot. Please email me to discuss. Thank you.

--Monica Craver--

<http://friendsofmountainviewpark.webs.com/>

Tread softly! All the earth is holy ground.

~ Christina Rossetti (Psalm 24),

from "A Later Life: A Double Sonnet of Sonnets"