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**Subject:** MTBer reports an E-MTB on trails/ and MTB trail sabotage talk  
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Dear Mayor and Council: On MTB chatter about trail damage, trail sabotage (called "trail blockage", if done by MTBers, themselves), and E-MTBs....(what is the ongoing liability issues around it, if you know about it, now?)

This is more proof that electric mountain bikes have slipped in the back door onto our North Shore Trails. Late last year, I reported an Electric "HAI bike" MTB exiting Mountain View Park, and just received silence from Council and Parks. **If you can't control the MTB pedalheads -- how are you going to be able to control the MTB motorheads, now?**

I guess another nastier "war in the woods" will be fought between the two or three MTB factions. Lovely, isn't it? What goes around, comes around....

Will DNV be rewarding these E-MTB rogues in the woods, next, for their wily ways, and demand that they also be included in the ongoing rape of our forests? (What is the real truth behind all those new "climbing trails" being built by the NSMBA...?) I just call it as I see it. The Truth has an uncanny way of coming out, you know. We need more regulation and containment of the whole nine yards of the whole MTB sport -- from Freeriding, STRAVA racing, to E-MTBs. Without it, you might as well clear-cut the forests for housing and road development.

At the rate mountain biking trails are being built, none of what MTBers are doing can be called anything near "sustainable". It is a huge joke being played on the naive, gullible and willfully blind. Let's keep on rewarding these lovely rogues in the woods! It seems that DNV has dug a deeper "gold dirt" pit than any of the mountain bikers have...leaking hard cold cash down the proverbial stream, like the silt that washes down into those streams from mountain bike trails, every rainstorm....

**What is the difference between MTBers and the motorized off-roaders, anyhow? I can't see the difference -- but I do know that it has made our trails even more unsafe for hikers to tread on, now.**

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#### **We need Some Regulation On E-Bikes**

I was out for a walk yesterday with the dog. I see a mountain biker coming at us, so i get me and the pooch out of his way. **He goes flying by only to realize he is on a 8" travel Mountain Bike with an electric motor.** This is a motor bike not a mountain bike, **i had motocross bikes with less travel in the 70's.** If i was out trail building/maintaining and this guy went by me i would be pissed. **It is only a matter of time that one of these E-Bikes climbing up a trail is going to collide with a rider coming down the hill.**

What are your thoughts on this.

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Hang em

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***(or worse, collide with a hiker on the trails...)***

And talking about threats of harm or sabotage by mountain bikers toward other mountain bikers is another concern! They are already getting away with trail sabotage, but if hikers should do it -- all hell breaks loose with MTBers' noses out of joint. But spikes on trails, and punji sticks are considered okay by MTBers to protect their trails, etc. We have a serious matter here, while a senior is being charged for doing far less than what MTBers do to themselves, don't you think? I believe that if I (or another hiker/conservationist) ever uttered threats of sabotage or violence against a mountain biker, it would not be considered a laughing matter, would it? We have a serious double standard in the woods, that is only growing worse. You get the forests you deserve, I guess...Not a forest I have been fighting for, though. Sad that right has become wrong and wrong is being rewarded. **A sordid state of affairs, indeed:**

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grumpy builder

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## 12" logs and 12" spikes for stravadouche lines

Lowcard

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I use Strava, but mostly for logging miles. I do however use it on certain trails for training purposes in the goal of lowering my times. If your goal is to get faster, it is a great tool because you can analyze the areas you need to work on. Lately I've been using it for practicing cornering, trying different things or pushing it a little harder on trails that have a lot of turns in them. Racing against any clock does make you faster, if that's your goal. I have recorded my rides for a long time, using some sort of GPS unit or my phone. It appeals to the geek in me.

At first, I would try and challenge times on any trail, but my thought process has changed since then. What I noticed was some Stravassholes were cutting entire turns (more than just corners) in order to lower their times. **The change in how the trail became wrecked was what seemed to be over a two week span. Dudes are going for KOM's at any cost, opening up braids by removing blockages.** Its brutal. A KOM is never more important than a trail, but that message is lost on some people.

I trail build too, but none of these d-bags do.

**There are also some trails popular with hikers that I was once vying for faster times on Strava, but not anymore. Way too many opportunities to collide with other people that its just not worth it. What's more douchy than racing on a trail where you are scaring other users off the trail? Some riders still do it but I won't be a part of it.**

If you can have some strategy, its a great tool. But not always.

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Let's not forget this juicy one: <http://bb.nsmf.com/showthread.php?t=117049> If nobody complained, that makes it okay and not a crime, for whatever reason the mountain bikers decide to block trails? (Yes, this one may have taken place in West Vancouver, but I have posted it to illustrate in "living colour" the point I wish to make...not only the blockage, but threats to harm...)

## Is this what DNV calls "fair and democratic" policy and "balance"? One set of "rule" for MTBers and another set of rules for hikers?

Those mountain bikers have clearly done far worse than one hiker who has been charged, by far. Lovely little MTB cult-loving world, isn't it? A world where only MTB wrongdoing continues to be rewarded...

*(All I can do is continue to record it all for the public record, so that people, someday, will understand what happened to our once lovely forests being degraded by so much vacuous NSMBA trail building, like in that photo I sent you in my last email.)*



BP Trails on Fromme  
(dirt trail built off the  
boardwalk?) Duh! 🙄

--Monica Craver--

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**But above all, we need strict laws that limit the public land areas they are permitted to bike in, and practice for their competitive racing in. These must be accompanied by strict enforcement with confiscation of bikes for offenders and escalating fines for repeat offenders. You cannot stop a Sherman tank with water pistols.**

~from a letter to the Marin Independent Journal