

Subject: Fwd: Why is DNV opening up closed/decommissioned mountain bike trails?
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Do not post. FONVCA review.

-Brian

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Subject: Why is DNV opening up closed/decommissioned mountain bike trails?
Date: Thu, 21 May 2015 15:09:40 -0700
From: Monica Craver <mecraver@shaw.ca>
To: DNV Mayor and Council <council@dnv.org>
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Dear Mayor and Council: This was a problem back in 2012. It is still a problem. When are you/DNV Parks going to enforce the **closure/decommissioning** of **Pink Starfish Trail(s?)** Sadly, this isn't the only trail being opened up again, after recommended closures.

Lower Griffen Switchback Trail NEEDS to be closed (as per the 2007 Fromme Trails Report), not built on. (See my last email on the subject) **Please enforce this!**

The NSMBA is building on it? (who issued these permits, if they even have a permit?)
http://www.nsmba.ca/content/2015-05_spring-trail-update

Upcoming Work:

Lower Griffen Switchbacks-wood bridges are in poor condition and will be replaced over the next 4 weeks.

You need to re-read the following letter sent three years ago, as **the same problems keep cropping up over and over, again** -- ie Pink Starfish (recent forum post on NSMB.com)

[North Shore Mountain Biking Forums](http://bb.nsmb.com/index.php) (<http://bb.nsmb.com/index.php>)

- [The Shore](http://bb.nsmb.com/forumdisplay.php?f=3) (<http://bb.nsmb.com/forumdisplay.php?f=3>)

- - [Why are all the trails so clapped and dying](http://bb.nsmb.com/showthread.php?t=161961) (<http://bb.nsmb.com/showthread.php?t=161961>)

cam@nsmb.com

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We rode another old favourite last night. Pink Starfish. It was awesome as well. Seriously great until what we used to call the diving board. We rode the skidder out from there so I can't tell you what the bottom is like but I'll be heading back.

Kudos to whoever was doing the work. Very solid construction and good flow!

xy9ine

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new work on the starfish? probably haven't been down there in a decade; will have to check it out. **i love rediscovering old trails.**

All times are GMT +1. The time now is 10:49 PM.

The 2012 letter...

http://www.fonvca.org/letters/2012/16apr-to/Monica_Craver_26apr2012.pdf

I had received this reply from the former retired Parks Manager, Richard Boulton. The building was stopped. I believe that the same answer still holds true, today.
Nothing has changed in the way the MTBers operate, though, sneaking in through the "back door", as usual....

Hi Monica,

I've been asked to reply to your email to Mayor and Council regarding your concerns about the Pink Starfish Trail being rebuilt on Fromme Mountain as discussed by someone on a

NSMBA blog site.

I've checked with my Parks staff and there seems to be some miscommunication on the Blog sites. The old Pink Star Fish trail is being decommissioned and the old dangerous

wooden structures are being removed as per the Alpine Plan. It is not being rebuilt. Many times individual Mt Bikers ideas, misinformation or comments show up on the Mt Bike

websites and the streams of conversations on the blogs do not reflect the Alpine formal plans or our agreements with the NSMBA.

I agree with you that Parks staff does need to be vigilante, monitor the trail activities on the mountains and protect the wetlands in Mountain View Park.

Thank you for forwarding this information. Please feel free to call or email me if you have any further concerns.

Best regards,

Richard

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Thank you.

--Monica Craver--

Tread softly! All the earth is holy ground.
~ Christina Rossetti (Psalm 24),
from "A Later Life: A Double Sonnet of Sonnets"