

Subject: Fwd: regarding forests
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No post. FONVCA review.

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Dear North Vancouver Council,

I live in the US midwest, far from you and unlikely to visit your public forests. However, thanks to the internet, and as one very interested in ecological preservation and restoration, I've come upon what appears to be drastic abuse of the land in your jurisdiction. I was wondering.....are you aware of this? I can't imagine a governing body allowing the destruction of public land such as the photos I've seen. Even loggers must operate within laws and restrictions that protect forests from undue damage, but it seems mountain bikers are given free rein to turn your public forests into their own theme park, with a blind eye from those who should be properly managing it. How can this be? Here where I live, public lands are managed for ecological sustainability, rather than indulging one user group's fun and profit. The "wreck-reaction" in your public forests is shocking. It seems your policies are an example of "what not to do," worse, there seem to be no policies at all. It sets a bad example for public land management everywhere, especially in these times when forests are already stressed by climate change and in need of management that prioritizes their health into the future.

I sincerely hope you will reconsider your management policies, putting the well-being of the forest above those who obviously have no respect for it.

thank you,

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