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**Subject:** The Many Crimes & Misdemeanors of MTBing  
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Dear Mayor and Council: This is being written for the public record and has also been sent to my many readers across North America, and beyond... as they continue to shake their heads in disbelief at the ongoing mountain biker- inflicted carnage on our North Shore Mountains. It is a literal soap opera of environmental degradation and destruction being played out daily. The little demi-gods of mountain biking rule the woods, inflicting all kinds of wounds on it, while DNV plays the fiddle of complacency.

My readers are gape-jawed at it all... asking me why? I don't have the answers. And what DNV has told me, to date, lacks any kind of common-sense reasoning.

**This time --- a jackhammer is being used on granite rocks? And chainsawed logs! Even some mountain bikers are shocked -- calling it vandalism.** So what is DNV going to do about it? The following is not me speaking out, but the voices of the mountain bikers, themselves. **Some approve of this vandalism -- others don't.** And DNV seems to sit apathetically on the sidelines, while allowing the growing animosity to brew between mountain bikers. Mayor Walton told me that they have no control over what people do in the forests. I find that very, very hard to believe. When there is a will, there is always a way. There has been more ongoing malicious trail sabotage since Springtime, after the media circus about accusations and altercations between bikers and hikers "died down". DNV simply does not have the will.

**Some highlights from this MTB vandalism thread. Leppard Trail is on Fromme Mtn.**

[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>)
- - [vandalism on Leppard](http://bb.nsmb.com/showthread.php?t=162955) (<http://bb.nsmb.com/showthread.php?t=162955>)

macaroo

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### vandalism on Leppard

3 Attachment(s)

**I can't be positive but it looks like someone is actually physically bashing the crap out of the granite sections of trail on leppard** (the best parts). Did someone actually mean to do this??

Attached Images

 [IMG\\_20151025\\_143645.jpg](#) (279.5 KB, 437 views)

 [IMG\\_20151025\\_143655.jpg](#) (286.1 KB, 380 views)

 [IMG\\_20151025\\_143701.jpg](#) (306.9 KB, 348 views)

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**I think Pete (*Morin*) is trying to make it so the depression below the rock face doesn't become a giant puddle.**

The Don

10-31-2015 02:39 AM

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**Old man Pete is kicking so much ass on that side of the mountain it's crazy. We all owe this man a great amount of respect.** If he thinks a line should go or look a certain way, I believe he is extremely competent and can make those decisions without our input.  
Thanks Pete!!! You da man

The Peoples Hucker

10-31-2015 03:56 AM

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**The thing about Pete is that he is so underrated as a person.** Couple, a few, years ago I was riding up Fromme and just happened to cross paths with him right before mountain highway ended and turned into gravel. We got talking and he casually mentioned that he did a little trail maintenance on 7th. I had only ridden 7th 10 years ago and he convinced me to ride it that day. I followed his advice and had both a climb and a ride to remember. **So humble, yet so invested in the state of the shore that guy is. Lets make a statue.**

Nanaman

10-31-2015 11:32 PM

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**The log was solid enough to ride and was ridden successfully by many over the summer. I don't buy the safety thing.** Yes it was slippery when wet; isn't that par for the course on the shore? It was very much optional and just like any trail you make judgment calls based on conditions. I found it impossible to climb wet but still just rideable down, and much less challenging dry. The whole point of mountain biking is to be challenged both mentally and physically. **While the original poster may have sounded a bit alarmist in his reference to vandalism, I tend to agree with his or her view over the destruction of the log ride.**

macaroo

11-01-2015 04:47 AM

**I'm the original poster. The oed (*Oxford English Dictionary*) definition of vandalism is**

**'Action involving deliberate destruction of or damage to public or private property'. I think permanently damaging a piece of nature to avoid getting wet is a bit much.** It's the shore. It rains. You get wet.

I like trail builders. I like trails. I have even worked on a few in my day. **I guess we will have to agree to disagree when trail building crosses a line from working with the surroundings to permanently changing it due to the current flavour or whim of whoever holds the hammer.**

I like Pete too. Doesn't mean I have to agree with everything he does.

Nanaman

11-01-2015 08:20 AM

Quote:

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Originally Posted by **juan** (Post 2894530)

*Yeah. Hmmm*

*What don't you get. The guy does a ton of building and makes some serious decisions he kicks over a structure. Deems it unsafe, then saws it up so some idiot like you! Doesn't put it back up! Think about it. The one structure you can ride is taken out for the good of all. Wash Wah Wah. Get a life*

*Tired of people that bitch at builders for making decisions nobody want to.*

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Nice use of language and punctuation. Maybe this structure was out of your league, just like the natural rock feature. **The original poster does make a valid point. The rock face has been jack hammered. No matter how you look at it this is not an appropriate thing to do to a natural rock structure;** a rock face which has been ridden in both directions, for years. There

are plenty of entry level trails you may find more suitable.

**It's not a far stretch to assume that if a solid rock face has been obliterated, the same thing happened to a solid log ride.**

Of course, a well-known renegade trail builder and ex-NSMBA president chimes in favour of eco-vandalism---

Lee Lau

11-01-2015 05:29 PM

**Builders choice.** PM me if you want Peter's contact info. He's always happy to chat but be warned he'll talk your ear off

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**Well, that about sums it up: "Builders choice". Anything goes inside the forests, as DNV fiddles...? It is wrong, very wrong -- and you know it!**

**Seems "Old Man Pete", among others, need their trail building permits taken away, and their jackhammers, too. And, along with it, some charges/fines laid.** Or, will DNV foolishly continue to reward the many crimes and misdemeanors of mountain biking? Will they build Old Pete a statue, instead? After all, it seems another MTB demi-god, "Digger", has a brass plaque honouring him for breaking a "Cease and Desist" Order, among other questionable activities.... DNV embraced a scofflaw, and continues to embrace more scofflaws....

**As long as my tax dollars are being spent funding these scofflaws and eco-vandals in the woods I will continue to write letters like this.**

In fact, my many readers continue to ask questions such as:

**"It's very hard for me to believe that no one in a position of authority cares about what is happening."**

Perhaps one or two of our more scrupulous DNV Council may be brave enough to explain this ongoing "cult worship" of the destructive demi-gods of mountain biking to my readers. It is high time the truth came out. We would like to know why DNV approves of these many MTB crimes and misdemeanors... Frankly, we are puzzled. And we demand answers. Thank you.

--Monica Craver--

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"Besides, as the vilest Writer has his Readers, so the greatest Liar has his Believers; and it often happens, that if a Lie be believ'd only for an Hour, it has done its Work, and there is no farther occasion for it. Falsehood flies, and the Truth comes limping after it; so that when Men come to be undeceiv'd, it is too late; the Jest is over, and the Tale has had its Effect..."

~Jonathan Swift, 1710