

Subject: Fwd: RE: Fromme Mountain Environmental Assessment Report (2015)
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No post. FONVCA review.

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Subject: RE: Fromme Mountain Environmental Assessment Report (2015)
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Dear Mayor and Council: A new addition to the "Friends of Mtn View Park" website, asks a serious question that is deserving of a clear answer. Hundreds? of "Mountain Madness" <http://www.mountainmadness.ca/> (Saturday October 24th) trail runner racers aren't exactly environmentally-sound, either, trampling up and down on Lower Griffen Switchback Trail, either. It is quite maddening, actually...

<http://friendsofmountainviewpark.webs.com/a-wetland-treasure> (scroll down...)

The science of trails...

The North Shore is a rain forest and we get over 4000mm of rain some years (Seymour River Valley). Here you see how water gains erosive force when following the fall line on **Lower Griffen Switchbacks**. By the time it gets to the bottom, it's a torrent. (*the "torrential" video, sent earlier to Mayor and Council.*)

The **Fromme Mountain Environmental Assessment Report (2015)** by Diamondhead Consulting provides us with baseline information about the state of the trails from a scientific and environmental perspective:

<http://www.dnv.org/sites/default/files/edocs/fromme-trail-assessment.pdf>

Non-stop new trail building and MTB riding activities is clearly taking its toll on and off the trails. "Staying on (authorized) trails" (as recommended by DNV) doesn't help alleviate any ecological problems Fromme Mtn faces while far too many authorized and non-authorized MTB trails continue being built on our fragile mountain slopes (Fromme, Seymour, etc.) Borrow pits, compaction, and erosion is taking a clear toll on our forests, four seasons a year, rain or shine...

*****What can we trust, if the District of North Vancouver land managers don't even consider a trail that turns into a creek during heavy rains as clear enough justification for closing/decommissioning that trail?****

--Monica Craver--

Very tired of patronizing platitudes and good studies that seem more delegated to the trash bin as the present MTB status quo continues, unabated.