

**Subject:** Fwd: Put Mountain Biking Where it Belongs: Ski Resorts!

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Dear Mayor and Council:

Ski Resorts across North America are reporting increases in revenue in mountain biking parks. This is where the revenue is, rather than in the present renegade mountain bike free ride on the North Shore, which is only creating a wake of ecological damage left behind inside our public forests, parks, wetlands, and watersheds. The cost of "mitigating" debris flow and flooding, alone, does not make any common sense as long as the non-stop and destructive MTB riding and trail building activities continue, unabated, on our slopes. Any funding put into furthering the present mountain biking status quo is just funding poured downstream (negative revenue).

**More and more we are hearing economic reports like the following, as climate change affects our Ski Resorts ability to carry winter sports:**

## **Ski Resorts Reporting Revenue, Visitor Gains in Off-Season**

<http://www.wmur.com/news/ski-resorts-report-increase-in-revenue-in-offseason/36039004>

So why is the District of North Vancouver still so gung ho on catering to the renegade free ride mountain biking mentality, rather than to legitimize this sport inside ski resorts? (three such entities on the North Shore). It defies any kind of common sense, as District funding pours downstream to support the renegade free ride MTB culture inside our public forests, and leaves a wake of environmental damage behind... DNV has not been able

to manage mountain biking properly, in any case. It has not been able to "manage" mountain biking. Period. And the NSMBA, etc. have not been able to show any restraint in their activities.

**On NSMBA's Twitter, the stark truth coming out of the much-adulated Todd "Digger" Fiander -- it is NOT good news... (It's costing DNV citizens far too much! There are far too many trails -- both sanctioned and non-sanctioned)**

[North Shore Mtb Assc @NSMBA](#)

Great quotes from Trail Academy '**when you build a trail you are changing the environment forever**'.

**Digger #nsmba #trailsforall**

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It is time to stop trying to force a square peg into a round hole, DNV! It is not working, and has never worked. I told you this fact back in 2007 (ignored, of course). Today, the idea of placing mountain biking inside recreational/ski resorts is more relevant than ever... It is also a place where mountain biking can be legitimately contained, managed, and enforced. Until then, mountain biking remains a renegade sport in our midst. It is time to stop remaining so complacent and apathetic about it. Thank you.

--Monica Craver--

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**"Put Mountain Biking Where it Belongs" (2007)**

<http://www.canada.com/vancouver/news/editorial/story.html?id=a1e53028-0128-4619-b361-c430ee25d15a>

**"I am glad to hear that mountain biking is moving into many ski resorts around the world. It seems the District of North Vancouver's own "Alpine Recreational (Mountain Bike) Strategic Plan" is already becoming a dinosaur in light of this "new" information."**