

Subject: Fwd: How mountain bikers damage trails...

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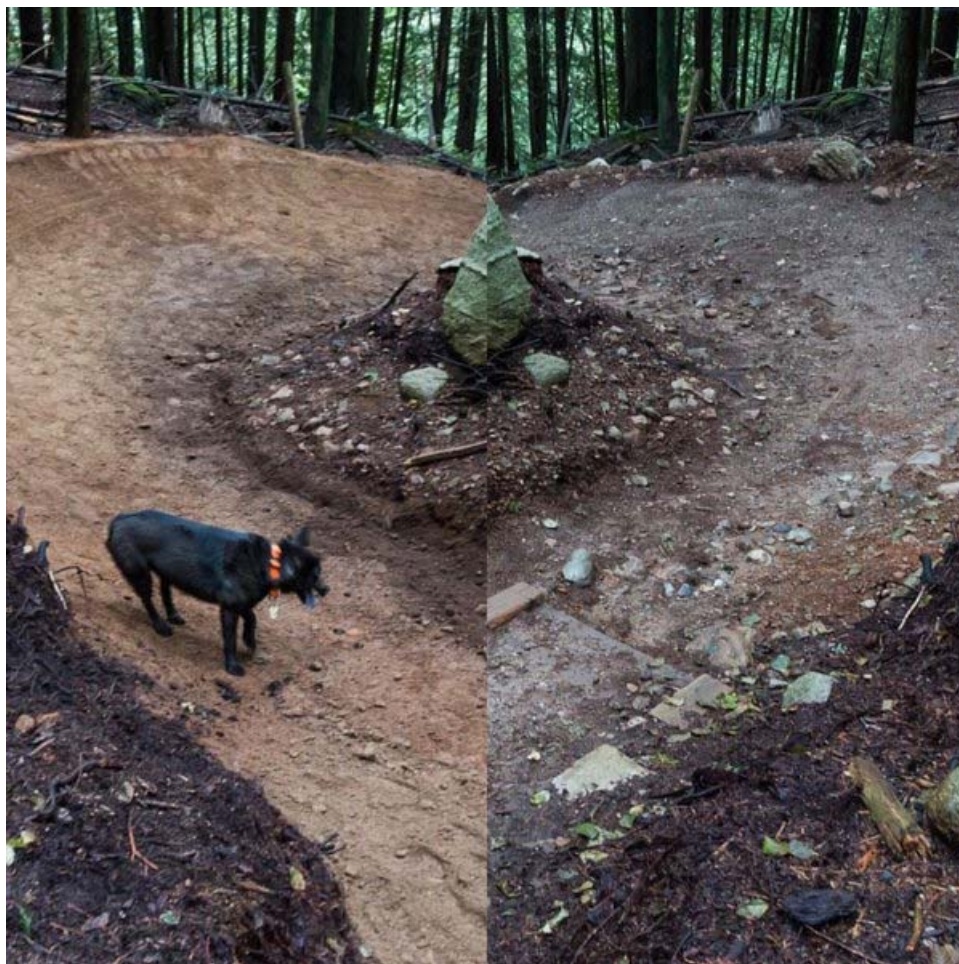
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For those Councillors who are still clueless (or willfully blind?) about how mountain bikers keep damaging the trails (wonder where all this gold dirt washed out?)

This little mountain bike "porn" video: <https://vimeo.com/156637055> clearly shows how trails that start like this ("before" photo, with dog) and end up like this ("after" photo, about a year later), below:

<https://pbs.twimg.com/media/CcpE20mUEAAwaNf.jpg>



This means more borrow pit digging for more "gold" dirt and rocks. Dig dig dig....

And more before and after photos, NSMBA RaceFace sponsored "Shore Corps" troops (somewhere on Seymour:

Before:

<https://scontent-sea1-1.xx.fbcdn.net/hphotos-xat1/v/t1.0-0/s480x480>

/12745458_10153428510290036_5650830470762187300_n.jpg?oh=22f2224f592b1d570be5e41a489c8840&oe=5765D97E

During hacking at this portion of pristine forest to build a new trail & berm:



The new trail berm built:

https://scontent-sea1-1.xx.fbcdn.net/hphotos-xtf1/v/t1.0-0/s480x480/12806130_10153430303515036_4613751424567550454_n.jpg?oh=d5136f19e9b1c0563de6'oe=5757C6EE

And this kind of new trail building goes on and on and on. Maintenance? It's a dirty word to the wily mountain bikers who keep ploughing through healthy portions of forest (because the soil is softer and easier to dig, unlike the compacted, vegetation void, eroded mess the bikers leave behind.) And you wonder why trees keep falling in the woods? The NSMBA's brand of "forest care" is the biggest ruse played on its supporters, and government and corporate funders. More reason to strictly work to contain and curtail these ecological vandals inside our woods, don't you think? Any funding given to the NSMBA is just funding washed downstream (like that \$100,000 wasted by DNV -- shame on you, Coun. Bond and Mayor Walton, et al.)

A friend informs me that several new trails have already been cut on Fromme, and another NEW climbing trail, as the dying trees, and treefall count continues to grow (just check it out Trailforks.com). Clearly, if you are truly sincere about mitigating climate change and all that green hype (Counc. Bond talks the talk, but doesn't walk the walk) ---> **Healthy trees are our first line of defense! Mountain bikers/NSMBA are bugging it up** (I can't put it more "politely" than that):

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/energy-environment/wp/2016/02/11/the-solution-to-climate-change-that-has-nothing-to-do-with-cars-or-coal/>
Calls for saving rainforests have a long history, but including forests as a core part of the global climate solution is very very recent, said Naoko Ishii, CEO of the Global Environment Facility, an international body that invests in restoring tropical forests. Without taking care of the forests, its going to be just impossible to achieve the Paris agreement.

(Our temperate rainforests are just as important as tropical rainforests)

It's probably too late, as the damage is already complete. We have a weakened forest habitat, and a watershed that no longer works the way it should. And bandaids are being placed all over the place, rather than the proper solution to contain and control the greedy, selfish mountain bikers who are razing our forests one NEW trail at a time because it is such a "fun" and senseless thing to do. And I know you know it, but are afraid of saying NO to the mountain bikers, because we have these "stormwater debris flow gates" being placed in our creeks and streams -- because of what the mountain bikers have done to destabilize our slopes. Your silence on this, as our elected leaders, deserves no respect. It is cowardly and shameful! But, of course, DNV will continue to allow the NSMBA to go forth and destroy some more...Nasty!

Thank you for caring, DNV. I don't listen to hypocrites who try to enforce "climate change rules" on the rest of us, while allowing the mountain bikers to wantonly destroy our first line of defense! It's clueless, and very ignorant of them and those who support this biker gang in the woods! It solves nothing! What BC Hydro did to the trees, recently, was awful, but it pales in comparison with what this Council and previous Councils have allowed the mountain bikers to get away with! And, last year BC Hydro helped the mountain bikers by funding their brand of ecological vandalism. We can only shake our heads at the idiocy of it all.

No more words, except that when the NSMBA delegation comes to Council on April 4th, begging for more handouts, those eco-vandals should be shown out the door, with their ill-gotten "Trails Maintenance Service Agreement ripped up in front of them. Now that would be wise leadership shown by our "enlightened" council, in light of the facts! But, I expect that our cowardly council will adulate and fawn over the "good work" the NSMBA does. Ad nauseum, ad infinitum! (Ad mortem... to our poor forests)

--Monica Craver--