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## Fromme trail conflicts overblown

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West Vancouver - Dear Editor: Regarding Trevor Lautens' two columns on the Fromme trail issue, I was going to write after his first column but I didn't and was pleased to see some thoughtful letters in response. Now he has written another column commenting on the "ugly, dangerous war zone." Columnists are entitled to their opinion but it would be good if Mr. Lautens made an effort to actually get on the mountain and find out what is going on before putting such incendiary words into print. It appears that he thinks major changes are required because of a few incidents. If I take his thinking from both columns to the logical conclusion, we should also ban council meetings, cars, cycle commuters, community playgrounds and all kinds of people, places and activities that cause conflict from time to time. We live in a world of human beings and this fact leads to the occasional confrontation that is not well handled, in virtually every aspect of our lives.

Fortunately, most people know this and deal with difficult situations in a constructive manner and life goes on in a mostly rather pleasant way. In my opinion, the overwhelming majority of trail users on the North Shore act in a positive and courteous way. Maybe Mr. Lautens is one who will keep poking at something or someone until he gets a reaction and I'm hoping he does that because that is what he is paid to do and not because he really is a glass three-quarters empty kind of guy. Get yourself out on the trails regularly, Mr. Lautens, and I think you'll find our North Shore is an incredibly beautiful place with a lot of very friendly people (and dogs) from all walks of life, happily sharing our great community resource.

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