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Subject: Mountain View Park Update
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Dear Mayor, Councillors, Management, and Parks Staff:

Another weekend has passed and it was a wet and rainy one. Does this matter to mountain bikers who use our park? No it does not according to at least 30 mountain bikers, some with their dogs. There may have been more on Sunday, but those are the ones I saw coming out of the park. We were away on Saturday, so I assume the same. Come out to see the damage these people inflict on our park and the forest while riding on heavy bikes with knobby tires in inclement weather. Just recently the North Shore News had a two page spread on the joys of winter (read "wet") mountain biking. At what cost? Another North Shore News article from August 3, 2003, entitled :

"Finding common ground at local park" regarding the July 24 public workshop for Mountain View Park quotes mountain bikers saying, "...they are not interested in riding around the OFTEN MUDDY (emphasis mine) park, as mud damages their bikes." Mountain bike magazines love to portray mud riding as the best and special oils etc. can now be bought to protect the bike from mud damage. Isn't technology wonderful? Second, the same article points out, quote, "NSMBA members were quick to point out that dogs running along side of trails, tree overgrowth and other factors could also be contributing to the loss of underbrush and erosion..." Perhaps, but members own dogs can be included. Such hypocrisy from a narrowminded, ecologically challenged group. Wet conditions are another reason to close Mountain View Park to mountain biking as soon as possible. There is no appeasing the mountain bikers by giving them Mountain View Park. Two pilot projects regarding mountain biking and the park have failed. Please do not reward failure. Instead aim for protection and restoration. Thank you.

Monica Craver