

Subject: [Fwd: RE: An Open Letter to Eric Pettit]
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Subject: RE: An Open Letter to Eric Pettit
Date: Thu, 12 Jan 2006 15:29:55 -0800
From: Eric Pettit <eric@openspacearchitecture.com>
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Dear Monica. (and everyone she included)

I'm sorry you have taken offence to this thread.

<http://bb.nsmb.com/showthread.php?t=7104>

I can not be responsible for the posts that are added, and apologize for posting the name "Cravers Corners".

No disrespect was intended, and it was more of an attempt to immortalize the current struggle between the riders and the anti-biking groups.

As for starting this thread and wanting to name the trail. I am well within my rights.

I have been working very hard, and under the approval of the District to re-build this old hiking/biking trail and I am very proud of the progress.

Currently the trail is referred to as "The Switchbacks on Lower Griffen". The "Griffen Trail" is a very long and old trail on Fromme that starts at the first switchback of the access road, So I just wanted to give this steep and difficult section a name that made it stand out as its own trail, and not just a small part of the Griffen trail.

My purpose for re-naming it (or actually giving it a name) was not to taunt you.

I really do not understand your problem with my work or this trail or as you call it Eco-Terrorism.

The trail in question is almost 1/2 KM away from MVP, and the work I am doing is meant to restore the hillside.

I have been very careful to protect the stream that runs adjacent to the trail, and the work I am doing has no impact on MVP or the pond.

When I adopted the Switchbacks 2 years ago, the hillside was so badly eroded that no

vegetation was growing on it. Over this time, I have been re-directing & controlling the water that seeps from this hillside, rocking in the trail to make it more stable, reducing the width of the single-track to reduce its foot-print, and re-planted a number of small saplings and ferns onto the barren slope. (plants that were about to roll down the hill due to the erosion below them). This spring, the District is going to supply me with a number of indigenous plants from their nursery to be planted along the sides of the trail to help re-stabilize the slope. As well, I hiking along the new Gravel path in MVP to get to the switchbacks, and since I am in there I do routine maintenance to this path. (this includes re-building / re-enforcing the log boarder to prevent bikes / hikers from entering the sensitive forest floor in MVP, raking the gravel to infill low spots that are prone to ponding, picking up garbage left by the dog walkers, and picking up and moving dead fall which is blown onto the path quite often.) If it were not for me hiking up to the switchbacks once a week, the park and path would not be as well maintained as it is.

As for the bikes that use this trail, they pass thru MVP park on the defined trail constructed by the district to protect the pond, and they do less damage than the dog walkers who let their animals run freely through the woods.

I invite all of the individuals who Monica has included in the e-mail to view the tread on NSMB.com and judge for yourselves if it is tasteless. I also invite you all to walk this trail to see the work I have done. I will post a comment on the tread letting others know that Monica has contacted me and that the posts about her and Ernie are not appreciated.

I invite you all to review this thread as well, <http://bb.nskb.com/showthread.php?t=70887>, it is about Ernie's accident, and is full of best wishes for his recovery.

Monica is fighting with a group of individuals (Mountain Bikers) who don't want to fight.

As for naming the trail. I don't see anything wrong with calling it "Red Legged Frog" I think a name like that actually helps riders to remember to be sensitive towards the environment and MVP.

Monica, you got your gravel path in MVP, and your signs about the frogs and the sensitive ecosystem. You got the fences built in the forest. So please stop fighting us

Eric Pettit

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From: M E Craver [<mailto:mecraver@shaw.ca>]
Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2006 1:42 PM
To: Eric Pettit
Cc: Mayor and Council - DNV; James Ridge; FONVCA (E-mail)
Subject: An Open Letter to Eric Pettit

Dear Mr. Pettit (also known as mountain biker, "King of E-Ville" on NSMB.com bb) and others who have joined the following "thread":

[North Shore Mountain Biking Forums :: Trail News/Maintenance](#) :: **Name the switchbacks**

It is a shame that there is so much immaturity among mountain biking adults that they can not just leave well enough alone. Are things so boring in life you have to just call the dogs out again? Has having Fromme/Mountain View Park approved for mountain biking by DNV Council taken the fun out of riding and building there? It seems so by the tone of the recent thread on the nsmb bb:

<http://bb.n SMB.com/showthread.php?t=7104>

What am I supposed to think when I see suggestions for names of switchbacks above Mountain View Park and pond as feeble attempts at taunts towards Mr. Crist, myself, and the "species at risk"--Red Legged Frog? You may think it is hilarious, or perhaps even take it seriously?, as you choose names for mountain bike trails that are detrimental to the future survival of the park and pond. As you all already know, I take environmental conservation seriously. Threats to the viability of the North Shore forests' biodiversity and ecology in the form of future development and "extreme" recreational overuse is not a joke, boys and girls.

I do not want to know the reasons for this latest thread, but it clearly shows that environmental "sensitivity training" is sorely needed. But anyone who believes this is possible with mountain bikers, such as you and others, is sorely in need of an education themselves. Grow up, people! Leave the Cravers, Ernie Crist and the Red-Legged Frog

out of your immature "name the switchback" games. I (we) do not wish to be associated with your eco-vandalism of our natural parks and forests in any shape or form. I hope you can respect my request in a mature way. Thank you.

--Monica Craver--