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Hello, my name is John Valecko, I am a 17 year old mountain biker from Surrey who frequently visits the great trail network up on Mount Fromme. Every visit I make, I usually buy some food from local restaurants, visit bike shops and sometimes buy products from them too, and I'm sure that hundreds of other bikers like me do the same. A lot of business would be lost for local businesses and I think that's only one of the many downsides of closing down the mountain to bikers. The trails are some of the best in the world, if not the best, and they are very well maintained and kept in as good condition as possible. Erosion and environmental issues are taken into account whenever doing any sort of trail work, we bikers wish not to harm the environment, we love it. My reason for starting to bike is because I love being out in the mountains, enjoying the forests and everything. I am respectful, I give hikers the right of way and I always smile and say hello, and from all of my trips out there, I have yet to meet a single person who didn't like my presence there. Most of the time I usually stop and chat with people, for they all are enjoying the forest just like I am, and they appreciate the beauty just like me. I don't think I would visit North Vancouver nearly as much if those biking trails would be gone. I think hikers would suffer if the closer were to be implemented because bikers also maintain the hiking trails. Bikers would suffer because they wouldn't have such a beautiful place to enjoy and exercise in. Hikers would suffer, bikers would suffer, the trails would suffer and the local businesses would suffer. I don't see how this closer would do any good. Thank you for your time,

John Valecko