

Subject: FW: Hello North Van!

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Dear Casey Post:

Mountain Biking in forested areas reaks havoc. This is why it is banned in Europe and parts of the US.

Ernie Crist

-----Original Message-----

From: Casey Post [<mailto:cpost@myersandco.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2005 8:02 AM

To: Ernie Crist

Subject: Hello North Van!

Hello Vancouver,

I have been following the on-going North Van District Council meetings, and it seems as if the Mt. biking community is concerned about Councillor Ernie Crist's position that Fromme may not be a suitable place for Mt. biking. This is terribly disturbing to me too. . . only I live in Colorado. It seems as if the local Bike community is doing everything they can for their collective voice to be heard, and I thought perhaps, I can help speak up for your neighbours to the South. I have been coming to B.C. with my friends for two weeks, every year for the past seven years to ride Mt. bikes on the hills above your phenomenal city of North Van, and all over the province for that matter. We make the trip each year because Fromme, Sypris and Seamore have the most thoroughly thought-out, best built and maintained trails on the planet, hands down. The trails above your city have been the single biggest influence in the direction Mt. biking has gone in the past seven or eight years (perhaps longer) weather you are aware of it or not. Countless fanatical Cyclists from the U.S. dream of having a tinny fraction of what has become the Mt. biking equivalent to Mecca, "THE NORTH SHORE". We make the long journey each year because there simply isn't any other place on earth with the same quantity of quality trails.

I do not know all the concerns people my have involving the trails above your city. I can only guess liability keeps coming up because people get injured participating in adventurous sports such as Mt. biking. I'm not sure, but as far as I know, the U.S. is the only country in the world where people are able and willing to sue anyone for anything, and take no responsibility for what THEY are doing. (There are many of us discussed and embarrassed at the state of our legal system in America.) I'm hoping liability laws in Canada never heads down this ugly road. Parking issues come up a lot as well. I do not know the answers to these problems, nor am I likely to ever be aware of all the issues involving Mt. biking in North Van. I can only hope when I return this Aug. I will be aloud to ride some of the best trails on earth that I have grown to LOVE over the past years. I can honestly say I have spent some of the most memorable, exciting days of my 34 years In B.C. The trails of the North Shore are the largest part of that equation. Please do what you can to help preserve these historic trails,

Love you North Van,

Casey Post

Basalt, Colorado



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