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Date: Wed, 09 Feb 2005 06:38:01 -0800 **From:** Ernie Crist crist@dnv.org

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Dear Mark Soltow:

We love American tourists. Also, I am aware of the pleasures of Mountain Biking especially for young people. Believe me we understand. However, Mountain Biking in forested areas wreaks environmental havoc especially in areas with heavy rainfall such as in North Vancouver. This is the reason why Mountain Biking in forested areas in Europe is prohibited.

Yours truly,

Ernie Crist

----Original Message----

From: msoltow@earthlink.net [mailto:msoltow@earthlink.net]

Sent: Wednesday, February 09, 2005 12:11 AM

To: Ernie Crist Cc: cam@nsmb.com

Subject: Why do I drive across the border to Vancouver? Mountain biking.

Dear Councilman Crist

My name is Mark Soltow. I am a resident of Seattle Washington. I visit BC at least a couple times per year specifically because of the unique opportunities to enjoy the sport of mountain biking.

While there are many attractions in your beautiful city, the North Shore mountain biking experience is truly unique.

I know there are many others who come not just from Seattle and other parts of the US, but from Europe and elsewhere to participate. I my owr case I believe I spent approximately \$1000 Canadian on meals, accommodations, bike repairs, etc. in BC during 2004. I strongly urge you to support and promote mountain biking.

Sincerely

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