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Hi.

I'm a mountain biker from Australia who regularly travels the world with my bike exploring the wonderful places our planet has to offer. In July this year I will be heading to vancouver to see what has become so famous the world over. Your North Shore. I am dissappointed to hear that most of the trails are in danger of being closed. I am an active member of Australias wilderness society and consider myself a dedicated environmentalist. I understand that mountain bike trails can have an impact on nature, but the line has to be drawn somewhere. Why protect something to such a ridiculous degree that human beings cannot enjoy it. It's not like people are riding bulldozers down destroying acres of mountain. I have not been to the Shore but I imagine the trails would take up a small percentage of the vast mountain area.

Why not install a pass system like some of the national parks in Australia have (I would gladly pay to ride some of the best trails in the world) money from these passes is put back into the area and maintaining the trails to stop erosion.

I spend thousands of dollars a year on Mountain bike travel and so do my friends. The North Shore is the no. 1 destination for Cyclists the world over, you are crazy not to encourage riding there. So much of these tourist dollars could be put back into the local community and wilderness. Please don't close the trails to Mountain bikers. We are not criminals. We are nature lovers, Accountants, Dentists, Doctors, Builders, Artists, shop owners, policemen, Parents.

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