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Dear Mayor and Council: The following letter states a good reason not to give away and develop our remaining wetlands for housing or extreme off-road vehicular sports (which require much "development" and modification of the forest). We should become proactive in conserving our remaining temperate rain forest and wetland "greenbelt" across the North Shore, instead. There are many recreational facilities operating above this "green belt" already (Grouse, LSCR, Mount Seymour, Cypress, etc.) They can carry the mountain biking sport seasonally (as should be). We do not have to give it all away. Please reconsider the Alpine Recreational ("Mountain Bike") Strategic Plan. Please work to keep all off-road vehicles out of our fragile forests and wetlands. Thank you.

--Monica Craver--

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Humans have destroyed land's ability to absorb water

Letter

Friday, January 21, 2005

The Sun's Jan. 20 coverage about flooding lacks important facts. It's not because of nature or rain that we have flooding and mudslides. It's because humans have in the last 200 years cut most of the trees, and put a massive concrete-asphalt carpet, on huge amounts of land. We removed the land's ability to absorb and disperse water. We destroyed hundreds of streams, wetlands, and rivers. We built homes and roads where none should have been constructed.

We wrongly blame nature: It's our own choices that create "natural" disasters.

Mary Wilson

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