

**Subject: [Fwd: The North Shore]**

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Dear Sir/Madam

It has come to my attention through the NSMB.COM website that for reasons for which I don't fully understand, possible trail closures may threaten the future of Mountain Biking on the North Shore. I'm under the impression that some believe that the mountain bikers using the trail's are responsible for the degradation of said trails. How can this be ?

Any intelligent human being is aware of the damage caused by the automobile, gas powered yard tools, lawn fertilizers, construction and development. The damage caused by the few things I mentioned by far outweigh any possible damage mountain bikers may be responsible for, if any at all.

I am not a resident of British Columbia, I live in Manitoba and have, for the past three years made the trip with four of my friends to ride the North Shore. We range in age from 31 to 43 years of age. We have each spent in the neighborhood of \$1000.00 to \$1500.00 per week in the areas of the trail system. And we are hardly irresponsible kids.

Has anyone taken the time to honestly look at this situation? I read an interesting piece from a Mr. Christ who said something to the effect of having to think before we act. I couldn't agree more. Mind you, he also chose to use President Bush and Iraq as an analogy to this situation. He owes someone an apology. If you take the time to really understand the mountain bikers that make use and maintain this world renown area that you as a resident of British Columbia are so very fortunate to have at your disposal, you will find that the vast majority of these people are probably the most ecologically responsible people making use of the trails.

I urge you to listen to what they have to say. I feel that any such closures would be an irrational move made by people who refuse to open thier eyes. If that's the case, they should not hold the position they do and probably won't for very long.

Looking forward to riding there this year.

Sincerely

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