

**Subject: [Fwd: Moratorium on Fromme]**

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**Subject: Moratorium on Fromme**

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing this from Calgary Alberta where my residence is, and would like to express my disappointment with the moratorium on Fromme on May 16, 2005. Although I am fully aware of the impact that mountain biking can have on the environment, I am also aware that there is a large portion of the mountain biking community across western Canada that pay particular attention to maintaining and caring for the trails we ride. More importantly, with the moratorium you are taking viable opportunities for the recreational biker away from individuals who are trying to maintain a healthy and active lifestyle. I am aware of the plethora of other trails available out there, but Fromme offers trails that cater to a variety of skill levels. I believe that to have this opportunity taken away relays the feelings that health and outdoor activities are being limited, thereby sending a message that health is secondary. Hopefully through a strong partnership with the MSNBA and the mountain biking community, an attitude of responsible riding and environmental care can be established where everyone can benefit. Similar to the relationship that we have with the oil industry, there needs to be solid communication between a community and an industry if a truly strong relationship is to be fostered. I hope that you are taking these relationships into account and looking at the long and short term effects that communities can have on the environment, and how these environments impact the community.

Thank you for taking the time to read this. Your response would be appreciated.

Good luck on establishing stronger community ties with the mountain biking community on the Northshore. Your processes will be monitored throughout Western Canada in the hopes that we may be able to learn from how you are handling and implementing your concerns.

Sincerely,

Ian Kirkpatrick