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Dear Fonvca: Time is running out for us, according to a Californian who has sat on a mountain bike Task force and "won" back the park trails from mountain bikers in L.A. She speaks of the irreversible damage done in Colorado, her original home. There is no "economic benefit" gained from mountain biking in natural forestland, as it stands now in DNV and the rest of the North Shore. The damage is irreversible at this stage, and the only wise move would be to place a moratorium or ban on mountain biking (to keep from causing more damage) --outside of developed areas-- (keep them contained to the three ski resorts on Cypress, Grouse, and Seymour). GVRD has given away LSCR to the damaging sport's free ride. That is enough damage for the North Shore's natural forests. We should not be encouraging more of the same. I forward some of the comments from Akalynnbrown@aol.com below:

I sold my parents property of over 50 years, which was contiguous to a Park now overrun with bikers.

Lynn describes what turned her into an "anti-mountain bike" advocate: (Colorado is the home of IMBA, of which NSMBA is a member)

>From what I see, once the mountain biking thing is in place, it takes about 10 years for the public to wake up and see the horror. At my folks place in Colorado, the park was composed of 6 million year old sandstone cliffs. In less than 6 years, the bikes have worn deep grooves in this ancient sandstone.. irreparable damage. It makes you sick. Everytime I went back in these last 3 years the damage was spectacularly worse. Bikes have been there about 10 years, and people are just now going....What???

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So this little bit gives you a clear understanding why mountain biking is not economically, nor ecologically sustainable in our Alpine temperate rain forests, either. It must be severely restricted. Tomorrow, the NSMBES is holding a North Shore Enduro on LSCR. The trails are very wet, and most likely will be raining tomorrow. Will that stop them? I do not believe so. So much for talk about "sustainability" and "economic benefits", at the cost of the natural environment of mountain biking in forestlands, during the upcoming mountain bike "pseudo-conference", next week. For shame.

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