

Subject: [Fwd: Fromme Mountain bike activities]
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Hello,

I was appointed in 2000 to a Mountain Bike Task Force for the City of Los Angeles, and presently am sitting on the Calif. State Parks Ad Hoc Committee dealing with user conflict caused by bikes on multi-use trails.

Given the density of the bike user groups on certain trails, other users have been disenfranchised due to safety and quality of life concerns, not to mention the incredible ecological damage that I have seen in your area. Multi-use quickly becomes the exclusive use of the mountain biker as traditional users abandon the trails.

Putting bikes into ski areas makes a great deal of common sense. The activity is confined, other users are not threatened, and the damage is localized to that area.

In several Federal court cases here in the U. S. it has been ruled that there is no "right" to wheeled vehicles on dirt trails. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ruled recently that "*Want is not equivalent to Need.*" As an equestrian, I want to ride my horse across the rolling greens of a golf course and let it drink from the ponds. My want to do that doesn't equate to any need to use the golf course in that manner. I don't get to do that, and I accept it without question.

Bikers are not disenfranchised, they may leave the bikes at the trail head and walk with the other hikers. Wheels and legs don't mix.

Protecting your lovely natural resources is paramount for the future of both the forests and your public. Once damaged and destroyed, it is a long time to recover them, if it is ever possible.

The fact that bikers are demanding to practice an extreme sport on public lands, and asking the public to pay for the sport is outrageous. Other sports have extreme aspects, but the dirt bikers, equestrians and others pay out of their own pockets to rent the pasture, land or arena to stage their events. We don't expect the public pocketbook to be supporting this.

Sincerely,

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