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 Sent: September 15, 2009 11:37 AM
 To: MayorandCouncil
 Cc: Grant McRadu
 Subject: Re: Cypress Trail Days Sept 26 & 27

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Dear Mayor and Council: This letter was sent to the head of Parks. I thought you should have a copy of this letter, also, for your files. Thank you.

Dear Ms. Mooi: I am very saddened to hear that West Vancouver Parks has succumbed to, and opened the door, to "sanctioned" mountain bike trail building days on Cypress. Give them an inch and they will "run their wheels right over you", as they have in the District of North Vancouver, next door.

Mountain biking has no place inside wetlands, or "swampy areas", as the mountain bikers describe it. So many vernal pools have been rocked in, ridden through, even with "ladder bridges" built over them, and drainage diverted, in the District of North Vancouver's public forests. DNV seems to no longer be calling the shots, as the mountain bikers believe that, ** "The woods belongs to us"** -- and treat it like their very own personal amusement park/playground. **Illegal trail building still occurs on a regular basis --- even with everything that DNV has given to "placate" the bikers.**

This does not bode well for the ecological integrity of the natural environment these freewheelers ride roughshod on. Check out this, with pictures of the "swampy area" mountain bikers propose to build on -- and isn't () **NSMBA member**), also the Chair of the so-called "Old Growth Conservancy Park Society"??! That, in itself, is a sad statement about the sore lack of discernment for the conservation and protection of our natural places:

<http://bb.nsmc.com/showthread.php?t=126402>

Why and how do you "improve" on what nature does best... in any case?

Mountain biking, like skiing, belongs to a well-contained and regulated recreational resort (there are three such resorts on the North Shore) --- not the public forests. The disturbance to species biodiversity has become very evident in DNV where mountain biking sprawl is the norm inside the temperate rain forest.

Don't get trapped into believing the mountain biking propaganda machine, and being "wowed" by the trail work these guys/gals are doing. It is invasive, and heavily modifying what should be left alone. Give these mountain bikers an inch and they will take over. Hands down!

It is the same story over and over again where ever mountain bike advocates "pull the wool" over the authorities' eyes. It is clear DWV has just become another municipality that has been duped by the bikers :(Heck, the NSMBA just couldn't even give up some of their trails inside the Old Growth Conservancy Park. Who are you going to trust? You are travelling down the wrong path, right now, giving these mountain bikers the right to build trails where they first came in illegally. For shame that nobody learns from the mistakes of others...

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