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To Whom it May Concern:

Re: Log Train Trail

This letter is directed to all individuals involved with the Log Train Trail coming from a neighborhood resident concerned with recreational motorized vehicles.

I live on Desmond Road which was decided on many years ago to act as an access for the log train trail. I have lived on this road, in this house for 46 years. I grew up here and bought this home from my parents. I have enjoyed and used this trail as a walker, horseback rider, bike rider and yes as a motorized rider. Having said that I would like to point out that we have never sped by or created excessive noise going by anyone's house to gain access to the trail. We have always and will continue to show respect to the people that live around us as far as using our side by side. However, this is not the same respect that is being shown to us in our neighbourhood. This is a public road, where having this access directly affects us in many ways.

Over the last few years as quads, side by sides etc. are becoming more popular the amount of traffic that passes through our neighborhood has increased dramatically. We as a neighbourhood are dealing with loud, excessive noise day and night. We have people speeding past our houses, revving their engines and playing loud music, doing wheelies up the hill right in front of our house. We live right on the corner and as soon as people go around the corner they will rev their machine right up the hill. It at times has disturbed our sleep, makes the TV impossible to hear until they have passed and just generally disturbs our peaceful and once very quiet neighborhood. However, having said that there are many people who are respectful and go at a slow speed and do respect the fact that this is our neighborhood. Unfortunately for them the ones who don't care and have no respect for using our road ruin it for the ones who do. I really want everyone to enjoy the log train trail. I have heard many motorized riders talk about maintaining the trails as far as clearing trees and keeping the path user friendly but with that I've also sensed that because of that there seems to be a sense of ownership. All of us of who use the trail should feel a sense of responsibility for the trail as it is a beautiful part of our community.

One area that I really feel needs to be addressed is that Tahlen and Desmond Road are basically single lane roads where many of us have children, animals and drive or walk on this road every day. I have more than once turned off of Horne Lake Road onto Tahlen and had to slam on my brakes as a motorized rider is roaring through and with all the trees at the top of the road neither one of us can see each other. My fear is that one day and I'm

fairly confident that it may happen, is one of the children, dogs or even someone walking will get hit. Will it be on purpose, nope, but the risk of it happening is fairly strong. It's sad that the neighbourhood kids aren't allowed to play or ride their bikes on the road just for that reason.

Do I have a solution other than shutting the public road down to the trail or posting signs at the beginning and end of our road to remind riders to go slow. I couldn't tell you what the answer is, the sign I have out asking people to slow down is completely ignored.

I literally can't stress enough that while I don't mind people using the road respectfully, I am truly tired of the noise and disrespect shown to our neighbourhood. We chose to live on this road in this neighborhood for its peacefulness and to not have the noise of a city outside our window. To raise our children, have animals and to know that living under the Beaufort's is a great gift. Now to find a way to accomplish the neighborhood and the riders. If that's possible, having this sorted out would be great.

I'm unsure as to where the departments who are responsible for this road stand on this since I have heard that it is illegal for these vehicles to travel on a public road. My concern is Tahlen and Desmond Road, but I do know that many of the riders do use Cherry Creek Road and Horne Lake Road to access the trail as well.

Like my neighbour has said this has gotten real old, real fast.

In hearing concerns from neighbours in our area I feel that most of us are all on the same page.

Thank you for taking the time to hear my concerns,

Carolynn Scott