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Dear Ms. DuMont,

Additional materials were mailed to your attention on December 31, 2002 via USPS Priority Mail (Tracking # 0180 5213 9070 1755 7447).

The materials contain both factual and anecdotal evidence. This includes numerous examples, spanning several years that the MND has failed to address, which are relevant to the current proposed roads to trails conversion on Mount Tamalpais State Park.

The materials consist of 13 pages and one CD-R containing 12 files. The printed documents are copies of media articles and editorials. Included on the CD-R is a variety of information in MS Word, HTML and MS PowerPoint formats. This includes the full text of "Conflicts on Multiple-Use Trails" referenced and partially included in our response to the MND, December 24, 2002.

These materials serve to demonstrate the following:

- Specific instances of incompatibility of multiple uses on narrow trails.
- Historic and ongoing patterns of environmentally damaging activity.
- Historic and ongoing patterns of socially irresponsible, rude and immature mountain biker behavior.
- Historic and ongoing patterns of displacement of hikers and equestrians by mountain bikers.

- Historic and ongoing patterns of illegal actions on the part of mountain bikers, including within the local mountain biking so-called leadership.
- Historic and ongoing widespread community multi-use issue concerns.
- Historic and ongoing glorification of illegal activities.
- Examples in very close proximity to the proposed project where previous attempts to provide access to cyclists on narrow multi-use trails eventually resulted in bans of mountain biking activity on these trails.
- Evidence to show that similar and virtually identical issues are by no means unique to Marin County and reach beyond MTSP, the Region and the State of California.
- A pattern by the industry of downplaying support for the practice of mountain bicycling in an environmentally sound and socially responsible manner while highlighting and romanticizing through provocative photographs and statements highly erosive, damaging activities such as high-speed riding on trails, “technical” riding, which is usually associated with high-environmental impact riding, and “freeriding,” which is the practice of riding high-tech machinery in pristine and exceptionally steep off-trail areas similar to the slopes to the west and southwest of Coastal and Lone Tree Fire Roads respectively.

The construction of narrow multi-use trails as proposed will only serve to promote the abovementioned negative impacts and incompatibilities on the environment and the public. In light of these and previous submissions, we request that a full EIR be prepared for this project.

Please contact us if you are unable to access any of the materials. You can be provided with additional compatible computer formats or printed copies if required.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,
(Signature on faxed copy)

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