

From: [Stacie Pratschner](#)
To: [Kathy Jewell](#)
Subject: FW: Permitting Change for Non-motorized Trails in Skagit County...
Date: Thursday, August 03, 2017 8:44:44 AM

One more that came to my inbox, thank you!

From: Lori Anderson **On Behalf Of** Planning & Development Services
Sent: Wednesday, August 02, 2017 3:21 PM
To: Stacie Pratschner
Subject: FW: Permitting Change for Non-motorized Trails in Skagit County...

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From: Jim Taylor [<mailto:mvtb.jim.taylor@gmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, August 01, 2017 3:01 PM
To: Planning & Development Services
Subject: Re: Permitting Change for Non-motorized Trails in Skagit County...

Skagit County Planning and Development Services,

Mount Vernon Trail Builders (MVTB) supports the proposed code amendment to allow trails as an outright permitted use in the Industrial Forest Natural Resource Land.

Our volunteer trail building group is fortunate to be able to work with Art Tuftee, a well-known Master Trail Builder and Designer . He has been mentoring our group since our work began at Little Mountain Park. Art states, and I agree that -- "Building single track non-motorized trails has minimal to no impact on the environment or forest practices, particularly if constructed within the six year period following harvest." *This matter is of special interest to MVTB since we hope to have work with Skagit County on trail projects in the near future...*

As the founder and executive director of MVTB I am certain that our community agrees with Art. Since our group's inception literally hundreds of MVTB volunteers have amassed more than 14,000 hours building trails, with donations to support our work and projects approaching \$100,000. Simultaneously we have not had complaints (or even concerns expressed) related to environmental impact. Matter of fact, our volunteer roster includes; environmentalists,

retired park rangers, educators and individuals that lead important outdoor education programs.

Mount Vernon Trail Builders is a volunteer driven group that relies on donations to build sustainable trails connecting communities to nature.

Thank you for considering this important potential policy change.

Sincerely,

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