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## Burlington Creek Forest Unit

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Greetings:

Metro owned trails on McNamee Road say, NO bikes, NO motor bikes, NO horses etc etc. Yesterday 3 men riding motorbikes were riding all over the area. The area is entered from either Skyline or McNamee road. There is no parking at the McNamee road entrance and only a place to pull off at the Skyline entrance. The entrances are clearly marked. However, bikers will go any place they can ride and if they destroy a beautiful area, it doesn't seem to matter. This is certainly not the first or only time that this has happened. When bike riders are confronted with NO riding, they do it anyway. How will Metro control how the area is used? Signs are not effective, people asking them to please follow the rules is not effective so how will Metro control Burlington Creek? It will have 25 parking spaces and is much larger, so what plan does Metro have that will work to control who is using the area? The conservation agreements that the homeowners have agreed to will be useless. The wildlife will leave abruptly and all that is left is a piece of land that once was beautiful and wild. That is not a good stewardship of the land. No one wants to see the wildlife leave, still that is what will happen for the benefit of a few chosen people who can afford the price of an expensive bike (motor or pedal) to ride in a pristine area. This will not benefit low income children and women will be hesitant to hike this area alone because of the bikers, so who will truly benefit from this huge expenditure of money? Is it the bikers with very expensive bikes who will tear up the trails like in Forest Park? This is a decision that requires a NO vote.

Sincerely,

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