



**Department of Planning, Design & Natural Resources
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM**

TO: Dick Kerber, Director, PDNR
FROM: John Mack, Chief of Natural Resources
CC: Patti Barz, Nancy Desmond, Gary Baran, Scott Robbins, Bob Golias, Terry Robison, Rick Tyler, Bill Bingelli
RE: Status of CAMBA mountain bike trail at O&E

I recently hiked and photo documented (see attached disk) the condition of the CAMBA Mountain Bike trail on January 8, 2008.

I observed the following:

1. Fifty-seven instances of slumping or eroding backslopes. Of these, 6 appeared to be precursors to major collapses that will require significant excavation and trail reconstruction. Substantial erosion is occurring in so many places that we may want to consider installing degradable coir mats to help stabilize the slopes prior to active revegetation in the spring.
2. A special concern is the the landslide area in “the bowl.” The collapse last spring continues to mobilize and move downslope. In addition, an area of the slope just east of the landslide area, has become significantly undercut and is very close to mobilizing. This will double the width of the existing landslide.
3. Thirty-two instances of tread-widening were observed.
4. Nine instances of roots or trees being cut during trail construction were observed.
5. Seven areas of substantial soil erosion downslope of the tread were observed.
6. Two instances of short bootleg trails were observed. Additional bootlegs appear to be developing around the bridge damaged by a tree fall.
7. The “bowl” trail is failing in multiple locations and has some of the steepest backslopes of any portion of the trail system. The lower bowl trail will require a bridge ~20 meters long to avoid impacting skunk cabbage wetlands on the valley bottom side slopes. In my opinion, any further trail development should be abandoned.

Attachment (CD)