From: Thompson, Jeremy [mailto:jeremy.thompson@forestry.gsi.gov.uk]
Sent: 16 April 2007 10:46
To: niall
Subject: RE: Signage at Carron Valley

## Thanks Niall,

I look forward to working out the best system for Carron Valley, I am great believer in visiting other areas to see what they are doing and helping us to reslove our problems. What we want is the right solution for Carron Valley.

Look forward to discussing in more detail. The sign at Golspie looked promising.

Jeremy

From: niall [mailto:niallt@ Sent: 15 April 2007 11:57 To: jeremy.thompson@forestry.gsi.gov.uk Cc: group@carronvalley.org.uk Subject: Signage at Carron Valley

Jeremy

Jamie mentioned that KB had raised the issue of "discriminatory signage" at CV. Just to wind the clock back a little, a number of signage issues were raised at the very outset (i.e over 1 ½ years ago.) One of these was the desirability of a "Spooky Woods" type sign at the top of the Runway - aka The Funpark and another was at forest road crossings. Both were raised by Rena Tarwinska and agreed by CVDG. FCS undertook to deal with these however they were not actioned. CVDG have largely dealt with the forest road issues.

As you know, we have a very active Website. The issue of walkers on bike trails has been raised on numerous occasions on the open forum, it is also a recurring theme on the feedback forms. I acknowledge that it is not for CVDG to find a form of words to inform the public however, listening to all this feedback and doing nothing is not an option as far as we are concerned and so, in the absence of FCS taking action, CVDG position is quite simply that: we have built purpose made MTB trails, potential walker / rider conflict are a known issue, H&S is the overriding imperative, the public need to be informed.

The enclosed picture was taken yesterday in the Forestry Commissions Glenmore Forest Park. The trails are purpose built walking trails. As with my previous e mail I suggest that what is needed here is clarity, consistency and action.

In short, it is our view that the signage and interpretation issues now need to be urgently addressed (and that obviously includes the map) because CV is busy and we need to consider all the access / egress points on the trails. CVDG have only "covered" the trail start at the Dam because once people develop a habit it will be extremely difficult to resolve it. No doubt we can discuss all this in detail at one of the upcoming meetings.

Niall

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