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## COMMUNITY ONSIDE TO IMPROVE TRAIL BIKE MANAGEMENT

Forest users and community groups have supported the implementation of recommendations to improve the management of trail bike riding in the Mt Disappointment area.

A recent DSE community forum in Kilmore provided an opportunity for the community to comment on the proposed new measures.

“Recommendations include the construction of trail bike unloading areas, installation of signage, environmental rehabilitation and revegetation, compliance, noise testing, and education and awareness,” DSE North East Trail Bike Project Officer Felicity Wardlaw said.

“Participants were given an opportunity to work together to identify and list their concerns and strengths against the proposed recommendations.

“The challenge now is to use the feedback and then turn the recommendations into reality as people work collectively to shift trail bike riding onto a more sustainable footing.”

The forum was attended by more than 60 people, including trail bike riders, residents, recreational user groups, government and industry representatives. It was part of a DSE project aimed at balancing the interests of forest users and promoting a more sustainable use of forests.

“Engaging with stakeholders throughout this implementation process is likely to deliver the best possible outcome,” Ms Wardlaw said

“One way is through the partnership with stakeholders, DSE aims to improve current practices such as the rehabilitation and revegetation of areas damaged by illegal trail bike activity.”

Members of the community who would like to be kept updated about the progress of the trail bike projects in the Mount Disappointment area, are encouraged to contact Felicity Wardlaw, on (03) 5772 0238 or to visit the project website [www.dse.vic.gov.au/trailbikes](http://www.dse.vic.gov.au/trailbikes).