This story delves into the controversy of rogue trail building in the North Shore Mountains.
The sport of downhill mountain biking was all but invented here. Some of the biggest brands in the business were founded here. And we remain a destination that's known among mountain bikers around the world.
But the sport exists in a fragile peace with the municipal and regional land managers that have jurisdiction over the trails.
In the past, there has been bitter conflict over who has the right to use woods for recreation. There are some who would like to see the sport banned outright on public land. At one point, there were even criminal charges for a woman caught laying boobytraps on the downhill trails.
This story acknowledges that "war in the woods" heating up once again.
It looks at the environmental damage that is being done but also the regional government's lack of progress in meeting the growing demand from the sport. I made a point of including mountain bikers who are unapologetic about their illegal trail building.

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