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Comments: As a preface I am a life long bicycle mechanic (42 yo) and am very familiar with E bikes. I am not opposed to E MTB bikes on off road trails... One of the biggest issues with damage to trails is simply that the MTB industry markets certain types of bikes heavily. MTB's of a particularly aggressive pedigree (long wheel base, long travel, 150mm+ slack head tube angle) are hands down the most popular. The vast majority of riders are not very experienced in the handling of these bikes yet the technologies in the suspension and braking systems allow average riders to ride very technical terrain which they would normally not. Also because outside of riding destinations like Whistler type trails most trails are mildly technical and were not designed around such aggressive style MTB riding. Hence excessive trail wear as inexperienced riders on highly capable machines under steer and over brake throughout trail features which causes severe damage to trails. E MTB's can have a similar effect whereas very heavy bikes which can put out considerably more watts than the average rider are being ridden to ill effect on many trails that can barely handle the poor riding skills of average riders on regular bikes. Just as trails are designated to be more or less technical care should be made when allowing access to E MTB's to certain kinds of trails. New trail building techniques may be necessary to avoid excessive damage to existing trails. Thank you