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Comments: I think a trails usage designation should not change from non-motorized to motorized solely to permit the use of e-mtbs. Some of my local trails prohibit e-mtbs and some allow e-mtbs. Unfortunately, I encounter many e-mtbs on the trails that prohibit them. I think enforcement should come first and then slowly allow exceptions to use.

Recently, I went to a private bike park that allowed e-mtbs and I experienced some riders of e-mtbs riding up the trail at high speeds compared to non e-mtbs. I could see first hand the danger of e-mtbs travelling at high speeds with little time to react to another rider on the trail.

The introduction of e-mtbs on designated non-motorized trails should be slow and should be monitored for some time before all e-mtbs are allowed exceptions. In addition, the designation should not be changed, but exceptions should be created to prevent abuse.