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Comments: I think class I eMTB should not be treated any differently than normal mountain bikes. They do not cause trail damage more than normal mountain bikes (not like dirt bikes). On a normal mountain bike I can easily get up to 20+ mph going downhill on a trail. Class I eMTBs have a max assist speed of 20mph.

I spoke with the north shore mountain bike association (Vancouver, CA where trail mountain biking was born) and the only reason they could come up that was negative for trails is the fact that you can get more laps in with the electric assist. That is going to be the same effect if more people are mountain biking in general. Would you limit more people from biking? Or limit the amount of miles of trail you can ride?

If trail wear and tear from more miles ridden (from more bikers, or more miles per biker) is the issue, then us bikers should be contributing more time and money to trail upkeep.