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Comments: It seems to me that it would be worth designating E-Bikes as their own category, separate from regular MTB, but also not motorized like a motocross bike or quad.

Trails could be designated for mtb/e-bike use, others for e-bike and motorized vehicles, others strictly for motorized vehicles.

It's clear that an e-bike cannot go as fast as a motocross bike, and yet it's faster and creates more wear on the trail than a regular mtb. It creates an interesting middle ground that deserves special consideration in order to consider the impact of having shared use vs exclusive use trails.

Alternatively, all e-bikes could be classified as bicycles, and a difficulty rating system could be implemented. IE: green circle, blue square, or black diamond.

The biggest risk to allowing ebikes on all trails is that typically the fitter riders are also more skilled, having built up the two at the same time. An ebike could allow a less skilled rider onto a challenging trail and create a situation for a severe injury to themselves and others.