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Comments: I currently own and ride a Specialized Levo. I'm a petite individual and this bike allows me to ride with my much faster and stronger friends. My bike has no additional effect on the trails that a non-pedal assist bike does. Without this bike, I cannot ride as long or as far as the folks I ride with and when climbing gets tough where I would ordinarily have to walk and push my bike, I am now able to actually ride! This bike makes me love and enjoying mountain biking again and the opportunity to enjoy it with my friends.

My bike is pedal assist, there is no throttle, no "burn outs", no damage to the trail whatsoever. The rules for mountain biking remain the same, yield to the uphill rider. Perhaps this is really what we should be talking about, etiquettes of mountain biking. This is very much missing where I ride. That is the bigger issue in my opinion.