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Comments: I have been an outdoor enthusiast all my life, a mountain biker since the late 80s and now currently own a class one Ebike. I Ride local trails to two to three times a week both on my pedal bike and my Ebike and see many other Ebbke riders. If the argument against the bikes on trails is safety, Ebikes do climb faster so may pass pedal bikes but I've only experienced curtesy and Ebikes Descend the same as a pedal bike- it's dependent on the rider's skill. If the concern is with wear and tear on the trail it's really dependent on many factors that apply to both pedal and E bikes such as weight of the rider, weight of the bike, width of tires, braking skill of the rider, etc.. The E bike allows an older rider to participate in the sport as well as those that are physically not able to easily pedal. Most motors are very quiet and are totally encased so there wouldn't be a fire danger. In closing, I'd like to bring attention to the fact that Europe has totally embraced the E bike and has incorporated these bikes in their trail systems. Thank you Cris