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Comments: I prefer treating eMTBs as motorized vehicles and I oppose changing trail designations from non-motorized to motorized to accomodate eMTB usage.

In my experience riding my pedal powered bicycle on city trails where regulations permit eBikes: 1) A fair portion of eBike operators do no respect posted speed limits 2) Non-trival numbers of eBike users have hacked their "Class 1" eBikes to enable using "trottle only" powered travel.

eMTB technology is rapidly improving and in a short period of time I expect that there will be eMTBs available that are as powerful and as fast as gasoline powered "dirt bikes" and will require improvements to trail construction to reduce problems with erosion.

I expect that regulating eMTBs in a more permissive manner that gasoline powered "dirt bikes" well result in more conflict with pedestrian trail users and will inevitably discourage "shared usage" and a loss of said trails to folks using only there feet to move them.