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Comments: The policy should be NONE in ANY off-road environment. Even though they are quieter than ATVs and off-road motorcycles, they DON NOT BELONG in nature.

They are inimical to ecosystems, scare animals, irritate predators and encourage further wanton destruction of the environment.

Allowing riders off traveled roads will lead to deaths. Most people, especially in a sport that will allow people who lacked the physical ability to access off-road areas, do NOT understand the dangers. If unconscious, who will find you? If lost where cell phones don't work, how can you find your way back to civilizations. People die every year in the mountains surrounding Los Angeles, many who have good skills but chance will always play a part.

The above paragraphs apply to mountain bikes and any other locomotion than one's feet.

No-one goes on a hike to hear ATVs and motorcycles tear through the brush and polluting the air. And e-bikes although slightly less noisy and who are juices in a way that the pollution to charge their batteries happens elsewhere, are no less invasive and destructive.

Let them play in controlled environments and leave our National Forests alone.