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Comments: I am an avid mountain biker. I have met and ridden with people who have emtn bikes (Class 1). Never have I seen any type of trail degradation caused by an emtn bike. The rear tires do not spin that would cause any erosion of the trail. Further, the weight of a emtn bike (50 lbs) plus the rider may be 200 lbs. The weight of a bike (about 28 lbs.) plus the weight of the rider can easily be 200 lbs. The weight should not be an issue. Also, noise is non-existent. The number of dogs running loose on trails will scare wildlife more than an emtn bike.

Also, the number of downhill riders on mtn bikes seem to cause MORE destruction of the trail than any emtn biker I have ridden with. The emtn bikers seem to be older in age and are more careful than mtn bikers who are younger and want to beat the Strava time of prior bikers on any given trail.

Let Class 1 emtn bikes ride the trails with us mtn bikers. Perhaps they'll teach some manners!

If anything, ALL men bikers should be MORE considerate to hikers.