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Comments: Hello, I am an avid mountain biker. Since COVID began I have easily put in 50+ miles a week in at my local trail systems on my analog mountain bike. Several times I have seen e-bikers out there, even on trail systems where they are currently banned. They are often improperly dressed (cheap helmets, not wearing protective gear) and on trails where they are not skilled enough to ride. On one instance I reached the top of a long hill climb and while catching my breath, an old man on an e-bike cruised up nearby wearing a Tshirt, cargo shorts, and sneakers. These were very technical trails. This man was unable to do even the first obstacle of the trail- and eroded the area around it as he went around. The first obstacle was the easiest one. The moral is, this man should not have been up there. E-bikes give beginners access to areas that only more experienced riders should be at. Tragically, an inexperienced rider broke their back and subsequently died a few weeks ago on this exact trail (Black Rock Mountain Bike Area). He, a coworker of my father, was an inexperienced rider and acts as an example why the hill climbs required for many technical trails are a necessary barrier for entry.

Additionally, ebikes are easily modified to go beyond just 'pedal assist'. Riders can easily modify them and make miniature dirt bikes- who is going to police this? How do you enforce otherwise?