I support the use of Pedal Assist Ebikes ( type 1) on trails open to bicycles.

Bicycles cause little damage to the environment, and Pedal Assist Bikes cause no more damage than standard bikes with much less than motorcycle dirt bikes or, for that matter, horses which cause severe damage to turf with deep trenches full of fine powdery dust, and leave droppings. There is no noise pollution, likewise no exhaust fumes.

Pedal Assist bikes also have a limit of 20 mph; this makes them a bit faster uphill and the same as standard Mountain bikes on downhills. Some bicyclists speed by and are impolite, I expect this will continue.

Thus, no worse in the hills than existing regulations.

Lastly, they make it possible for aging riders to continue a sport that is physically and emotionally fulfilling.

I am 72 and have been mountain biking for 40 years, I have sarcopenia, muscle loss, and need a bit of help on hills than I never did before. I am not sure, but this may be covered under ADA.

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Sincerely

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