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Comments: Hello, I am very happy to see this call for input. I am an avid mountain biker as of the last 2 years. I recently added an eBike to my stable and have realized how many more doors it opens up. I am still overweight, but am working on it :). I have been able to get out on more rides, longer rides and rides when the temperature would normally have prevented me from going out. My father in law and his 65 year old friends are able to ride like they did when they were in their 40s even though most of them have replacement hips, etc due to eBikes. My wife had a double-lung transplant and is able to keep up because of her eBike.

Il think there is a lot of ignorance or misinformation out there on what an eBike is which causes issues. Il truly believe that class 1 eBikes should be legal on all trails that standard mountain bikes are allowed on. I have seen many studies and personal experience showing that these bikes do not cause additional harm. People also blame poor trail etiquette on eBike riders, which from my experience is not true. A rider with good manners will be the same regardless of bikes. Many new people out on bikes both regular and eBikes due to covid, and some are still learning how to co-exist with horses, hikers, etc but this is due to them being new to the sport, not due to type of bike.

Thank you again for your time, let's get that fair access to all the beauty these national parks have for everyone, not just the top 10% of healthy athletic people.

Thanks!

Zachary Chown

(Upload of my beautiful wife who is someone who strongly benefits from eBike access).