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Comments: After riding, and traveling across a few states with my e-bike for the last 4 years, I have found the perception of e-bikes are controversial and often times misjudged. I have had a few encounters with overly aggressive people stating that I shouldn't be where I am on an e-bike and acting at me in a hostile manner. I believe having the law changed to allowing e-bikes is necessary for the evolution of our society. We are a country of personal liberties and when you disregard the nature of not allowing people to ride an e-bike in the same areas as standard bikes you are overstepping our liberty.

Especially since e-bikes have been designed to ride exactly like a standard cycles with just a slight assistance provided to the rider in case of disability or decreased physical functions. E-bikes are programmed to cut the motor off at certain speeds, and are capped at certain weight limits for transport. Most e-bikes are pedal-assisted, which means most riders will be unable to use a throttle to apply unnecessary force with the motor. Knowing this information allows me to say with confidence that people should be able to ride e-bikes in all the areas where a person can ride standard bicycles and mountain bikes. They should stay off motorized trails since they would often be too slow and create danger for faster and heavier motorized vehicles.

In my opinion I see e-biking to be no different than a standard bicycle in nearly all aspects of riding. It is only motorized in the sense that instead of feeling like you're being propelled, it helps you to keep moving with your legs not taking the full brunt of the force required pull the weight. Often times on a standard bike I would feel I had to puke at the top of the hill, but instead with the e-bike you feel rewarded in your ability to pedal your way up with out having to get off and walk. Allowing e-bikes and clarifying the rules and riding locations will bring more people into the areas which I hope will lead to more community projects. It will encourage a healthier population by motivating them to explore and exercise.