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Comments: As a backpacker, day hiker, mtn biker and e-biker I am of the strong opinion that all users should have equal or as close as possible equal access to the outdoors. Many studies have been done to show that the ecological impact from ebikes is essentially the same as mtn bikes. When it comes to danger to other users, it is basically the same as well, as on the downhill portion of trails you are essentially going the same speed as a regular mtn bike, and on the uphill portions the speeds are still so slow as to not provide any real danger to other users. Purchasing an ebike was a huge part of getting myself back out into nature and increasing my health. I shattered my pelves in an accident, and was unable to really pedal my bike much due to pain. The ebike allowed me to ease the transition back to regular bike pedaling and has been instrumental in my overall health improvement. In closing, the impact of assist ebikes are the same as pedal bikes, and the danger posed to other users is also the same as regular pedal bikes. For this reason, where pedal bikes are permitted, so should ebikes. thank you for your consideration.