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Comments: As a mountain biker and trail advocate for the last 20 years I fully support pedal assisted EBike access to trails that already allow mountain biking. I am the founding member and a former president of the Rogue Valley Mountain Bike Association in southern Oregon. I have maintained and built multi use and mountain bike specific trails systems throughout southern Oregon. I have proposed and have over seen the construction of trails and trail systems for the city of Medford, Oregon,, city of Jacksonville, Rogue Siskiyou National Forest and the Medford District BLM. I have attended many public meetings and participated in several recreation boards as well as conflict resolution committee's regarding trail access. I consider my self to be an expert trail user and builder. Not only do I build and maintain trails. I mountain bike, I trail run, I hike, I dirt bike and backpack using trails.

It is of my opinion that pedal assisted mountain bikes pose no greater erosion or user conflict issues than regular mountain bikes. Ebikes provide access for many individuals that may have limitations that do not allow them to access trails and wild places. It allows more people to enjoy the beauty of nature and outdoor recreation.

There is a misconception of ebike technology even among the mountain bike community. Many people do not understand the technology and have knee jerk recreations towards these machines. I believe as more people try and understand these bikes, they will understand that they pose no greater threat to trails or the adjoining environment.

With this said. I fully support pedal assisted Ebike access on trails already open to mountain bike access on USFS lands.

Thank you,

Michael Bronze