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Comments: E-bikes should be treated as the motorbikes they are. Do not be fooled by "pedal assist" "low powered motors".... Ebikes are not mountain bikes. The bike industry is muddying the waters because they know sales will be impacted if they marketed them as the motorbikes they are. Search and rescue will be taxed if riders who lack the basic fitness to pedal a bike under their own power end up with a dead battery. This will happen over and over in the backcountry. Of course erosion will increase dramatically as the number of bikes passes what's sustainable. The sport of mountain biking has grown a ton over the years. Adding motorized bikes disguised as mountain bikes is not only bad for the sport of mountain biking, it's bad for other user groups that are already having to deal with more bikes than they used to. As biased as I am towards mountain bike access, I totally understand why so many other user groups are viewing bikes in general in a negative light these days.