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Comments: I understand there are different types of E-Bikes. All of the E-bikes in our Gunnison, CO area that I am aware of are of type 1-e- that is; battery-assisted pedal bicycles- they have nothing in common with motorized vehicles such as "4-wheelers", ATVs or "dirt bikes" which use gasoline-powered engines that emit fumes, are noisy, and tear up the trails. On a 1- e-bike, one must pedal in order to propel yourself and when you stop pedaling, the bike coasts. To lump 1-e-bikes with real motorized vehicles is a gross distortion of reality. I have been mountain biking since the 1980s when mountain bikes first came into vogue when I was in my 50s. I am now 85 years old with artificial knees and am still biking with "young" people in their 60s, but in order to keep up with my younger (I have no older friends that bike - they are all dead or are in nursing homes), and to enjoy our public lands, I find it necessary to use an e-bike. The present policy of banning all e-bikes is discriminatory and prohibts some people from using our public lands. This is wrong! Some opponents of type 1-e-bikes have raised the invalid argument that they go too fast and disturb wildlife. This is not true! Type 1-e-bikes assist in climbing uphill but go no faster than traditional mountain bikes. Most of my younger friends go much faster downhill than I do. Please be reasonable about this and make some distinctions about types of e-bikes, and possibly with some sort of age or disability provision via a permit.