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Comments: I have been an avid mountain biker for the last 15 years. Some of my greatest joy in life comes from riding bikes. In 2016 my father, who was 65 years old, wanted to get back into biking, but knew at his age he should look into ebikes.

We rented two ebikes and had an absolute blast riding together. One thing we found out very quickly, with e mountain bikes, riders of different ages, and abilities, can enjoy their recreation together.

Since that time, we haven't looked back. In over 4 years now of predominantly e biking, I can honestly say, I've never seen or experienced a situation that made an ebike any more dangerous, or harmful than a conventional bicycle.

In my experience peoples negative views of ebikes simply come from misunderstanding. When some hear ebike, they think: throttle, power, speed, and noise. This is not the case with Class 1 ebikes. I believe a lot of the negative thinking could be eliminated by education and experience. Many of my own friends have had some of these misconceptions, but once they ride with me, take a little time to understand ebikes, and ride them for themselves. Many have converted over to ebikes, for many different reasons.

In conclusion, please strongly consider allowing ebikes to be ridden anywhere conventional bikes are allowed. By acting responsibly bikers, ebikers, hikers, equestrians, and trail runners should all be allowed to enjoy the trails as they choose.