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Comments: I am 69 years old and have been riding full suspension mountain bikes for over 12 years. Two years ago I had a atrial flutter (heart arrhythmia) while riding my mountain bike in the Gunnison / Crested Butte area. I spent three days in the hospital ICU in Montrose and eventually had to have my heart shocked back into sync. My first thought during this medical episode was that I would have to give up riding my bike, something I truly love to do. My friend let me try riding his pedal assist mountain bike and I was amazed at the technology. I test rode several more eMTBs at OuterBike in CB and do not see them being anymore destructive to the trails as any other traditional mountain bike. The ones I've ridden do not go if your not pedaling. I personally do not see these pedal assist bikes doing anything other then allowing people like me to continue riding and enjoying the beauty, excitement and adventure of central Colorado. I am in favor of allowing pedal assist eMTB's to access federal land where single track mountain biking is currently allowed.