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Comments: As a former mountain bike racer and lifelong cyclist, I can say from personal experience that class 1 and 2 eMTB's do not do any more harm to trails than pedal bikes. The stigma that was attached to ebikes as "motorcycles" is fading and will continue to fade for the rest of our lives. Those views are clearly fear based, and yes they are also understandable because making trail access harder for most people might appear on the surface to allow more space for those that can reach it. That is not how trail access works in the long term. Trails that get used by fewer people are more susceptible to being lost in the future.

Access is a good thing. We are all getting older. Technology is offering us an amazing way to ride bikes into old age. It doesn't mean we will be riding faster, more recklessly, or in an intrusive manner. It simply means the inevitable march of technology and human mobility to make our lives better will not be impeded for long.

The United States has the option to move forward in this exciting space. It should seize this opportunity to join other countries exploring the forefront of human mobility and health.

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