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Comments: I believe that pedal-assist eBikes, particularly the mountain bike full-suspension and hard-tail bikes should be allowed on any trails where ordinary mountain biking is permitted. Many older or less-than-fit people are now using eBikes (or using eBikes at the end of their work day when they are too tired to ride up a hill comfortably, thus tiring themselves out and riding DOWN unsafely as they are too exhausted to focus completely) This is a GOOD thing, getting MORE people out and exploring our trails and the outdoors. It encourages MORE outdoor recreation and exercise, which has been shown to improve mood, mental health, and even provide better protection from COBID 19. Anything which keeps people MORE fit and healthy is a good thing.

If they require to be limited due to weight concerns, perhaps they could be evaluated and a sticker authorizing their use on trails would be a way to clarify - over a certain weight (or motor spec?) would NOT be allowed, and all other pedal assist eBikes would be required to get an access sticker from an authorized inspector. Pedal assist, with no throttle, are NOT motorized vehicles, they cannot function without riding a bicycle as it would normally be ridden.

If there are sections of trail which are particularly sensitive to weight, they could have clear signage advising eBikers to TURN OFF the motor and operate on full manual power.

These eBikes are the future of cycling and outdoor adventure and allow those who might not otherwise be strong enough, or have enough oxygen or energy, to climb hills which they otherwise would not be able to access, or would then need to shuttle using a van (thus adding more carbon emissions to the equation).

Prohibiting throttled (class 2?) eBikes is still the best idea, as those are truly a motorized vehicle, and can cause issues on trails where no motorized vehicles are allowed. Mopeds and scooters are not allowed so the throttled bikes should also not be allowed.

I own a pedal assist eBike, which is actually geared so well I often ride it without any power (turned completely off) and it climbs hills fine, and is easy to ride, just slightly heavier than my non-eBike. Currently, there are trails I do not ride, powered or not, as they prohibit eBikes of any sort. I would love to ride these trails, even without power, as they are great fun and a challenge I would love to try, even WITHOUT the motor. My non e-Bike does these trails fine, but they are a long way from home. I go there in my car with the non-eBike on the back so I am not too tired to ride them. With my eBike, I can ride TO these trails with assistance, and would love to try accessing them without the need to add in a full-blown vehicle to get me there.