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Comments: To whom it may concern,

As a father of two kiddos who are striving to become racers and relevant people in the mtb community, having E-Bike access to trails opens up so many opportunities for our family to spend more time doing things we love together, outdoors, being healthy rather than behind screens and indoors. We use our E-Bikes to "shuttle" the kids up and down mountain bike tracks, rather than driving a car back and forth. To us it is far more environmentally friendly and less impactful. The truth is, these bikes aren't like a motorcycle. You don't twist a throttle to go and they don't put down enough power to rip trails up like an ATV, UTV or dirt bike. Creating awareness and trail networks for E-Bikes, allowing grant money to be allocated to E-Bike organizations and allowing access to trail networks which would integrate the E-Bike community into these trail advocacy groups will only further help with the upkeep of these trail systems. Additionally you are allowing more families. Older folks or maybe even people on a journey back to a healthy lifestyle an opportunity to get off the crowded streets and roadways and into nature, which we all know is far more stimulating for the senses. Please, consider the E-Bike community and it's access for current and future trail systems. Thanks,

Chris