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Comments: Hi,

Thank you for allowing me to leave my comments.

I'm relatively young but I have issues with my knees due to sports and overuse. The pedal assist function on my electric mountain bicycle helps relieve stress from the knee joint.

Many other people have health limitations and having an electric bicycle can help them maintain freedom as they age. I plan on continuing use of ebikes for as long as possible.

As for trail impact, personally I'm already very careful to not damage trails as I understand how much effort is needed to maintain them. I recently purchased a bell to alert riders of my presence. I'm also very careful around hikers, babies, dogs, and other riders just as I would be on a traditional bike.

Emtb is a fun sport. Just as any sport, riders can choose to be rude and destructive or responsible and respectable. I choose the latter and would like to think that most other riders would also do the same. We are all here to ride and have fun, whether or not there is pedal assist shouldn't prohibit riders from being able to enjoy the trails.