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Comments: I support the use of e-bikes where traditional bicycles are permitted. Ebike riders are demonized because of the actions of a few irresponsible ebikers. There are also irresponsible non ebike riders disrupting, damaging and leaving trash on trails. Hikers can be just as irresponsible and the damage horses do to trails are far worse. It is up to the individual to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner, not just on trails but anywhere else in public.

Most of the arguments on the anti ebikes are coming from the fact that nature is to be preserved and that ebikes cause damage to trails. A fat tire (4.0"+) non e-bike can have much more impact than an ebike with 2.2" inch tires. E-bikes provide assistance to a rider thus helping them move with less effort, the comparison in tread mark from ebike to non e-bike are negligible. What the anti e-bike dislikes is the fact that every stretch of the trail isn't earned with self proppeling under one's power but with a battery assisted motor. The motor is not similar to a 250-450cc dirtbike which provides much more torque and speed, let alone the most aggressive tread patterns which guarantee destruction of trails.

Mixing gas powered motorized off road vehicles with ebikers would pose a risk to ebikers as the weight of an atv and dirtibikes are 200-300-400plus lbs.

The discrimination of ebikes are nothing more than disdain irrational frustration to something new which allows more casual riders to enjoy trails.

If non suspension bikes versus suspension bikes were to be compared, you would see that suspension bikes allow you to be more aggressive on trails because of the traction it provides as well as control, non suspension analog bikes cannot achieve this type of aggressive riding and one can argue that one has more impact on the trail than the other.

The responsible ebike riders outnumber the irresponsible ones. Just as there are more responsible hikers than irresponsible ones. There are also more responsible hikers than irresponsible ones. The actions of the few should not influence access for all.

Throttled ebikes come in handy but current limitations do not allowe them to be ridden like dirtbikes, it's just nearly impossible. There are very few diy'ers that do modifications and can increase torque and speed but for the majority of ebikers, what they purchase are name brand ebikes which follow the law on restriction.

Again, this is non ebikers versus ebikers and the disdain for bragging rights of not conquering a trail on one's own power.

I have enjoyed mountain biking for many years, non ebike and I now have been riding ebikes and they are enjoyable and makes life that much easier. It allows me to be outside more because of the assistance versus having to recover or drive far just to ride again.

Please consider the actions of the few versus the actions of the responsible ebikers out there.