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Comments: As an avid mountain biker for the past 41 years, I am fortunate to have ridden through numerous advances in development, as well as witness up close an incredible surge in popularity of the sport.

Recent technological advances, and a push for building trails, has brought mountain biking into mainstream, and along with it, e-bikes.

E-bikes are here to stay, regardless of opinion. Please allow me to share some perspective, as I now have over 4500 miles logged on my second, of two e-bikes.

Work hard, and play hard for forty-five years, and see how those knees, shoulders, and back feel!

E-bikes allow us older athletes to see more than the time beaten trails that many of us would be forced to ride over and over and over, due to our in-ability to seek those longer rides, but with e-bikes, we remain in the game.

Sorry to you young folks, who think it's all about you!

Consider this; due to the ground hugging weight/mass of an e-bike, they are an essentially non-contributor to breaking bumps and far less likely to erode trails for the same reason. Quite the opposite of what those who haven't spent time on a e-bike assume. The same applies to uphill. The wheel stays in much better contact with the ground, and the motor keeps the bike moving, not spinning in a low gear, constantly threatening to spin up the rear wheel. Once again, the opposite of what riders often assume, prior to riding an e-bike.

Lastly, and sorry for this one, but they are fun beyond imagination. I smile and laugh every ride, and have been doing so for the past five years. I hope those that may be opposed to e-bikes, might re-consider to this old guy can stay at it for many years to come.

I hope to see you out on the trail, so you can take mine for a spin.

Happy Trails...