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Comments: Hello, I've been mountain biking for 30+ years and have also been an active trail builder collaborating with local county parks departments, DNR and our local mountain bike advocacy groups (EvergreenMTB and WMBC). My introduction to eBikes has primarily been through trail builders. I recently bought a used eBike and am finding that there aren't many legal places to ride them yet locally. This is obviously a contentious topic as so many people are buying and using them (regardless of access rules) while there is still a lot of stigma and negative perception, which in my mind is misguided. As many trail builders have noticed, if you carry a saw on an eBike you get congratulations. In any case, I don't really seem them causing additional trail damage as the downhill speeds are beyond the class 1 motor cut-off speed, so they are essentially climb assist only. Additionally, they reduce car shuttle traffic and reduce wear/use on service roads. Most USFS trails open to motorcycles/eBikes are beyond my reach for this season, but I look forward to riding them next summer. I am in favor of increasing eBike access.