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Comments: My wife and I are approaching retirement and have recently discovered e-bikes. They open up opportunities to explore places we could not enjoy due to age=related restrictions. It is our hope that, in general, eb-ikes are treated the same as regular bicycles. HOWEVER, we are aware that some people who are younger and in better physical shape enjoy speeding and sharp, gouging turns that can damage trails. Rather than focusing on the physical power of the bike, consider the intended use- rugged jumping and turning, or just sight-seeing. In Michigan, our State Park system protects our fragile dune environment by designating areas that can be "ripped up[" by dune buggies. The rest of the dunes are for walking. If you can direct those who want to "rip it" on their e-bikes to a particular location, you could open up most bike paths to regular e=bike use. It's not the power of the bike, it's how it is used.