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Comments: I am a 69 year old male that used to ride a bike. I always enjoyed riding but I live in a hilly area of Ashland and the ups and downs were too steep and therefore I quit riding. I recently bought an e-bike and it has changed my life!! I truly love being on my bike and the timely boost I get going uphill. I get such enjoyment out of using my e-bike because it is pedal assist-I have to work and I do work up a good sweat. There is no way anyone can prove that my e-bike tracks cut deeper into the trails-I have been on enough now to see I am making no more imprint that non e-bikes. So, what could be the issue?? Is it that older people should either ride a normal bike or not ride at all? Is it some machismo attitude from the younger crowd? Hey, I never thought I'd be this old either!! Now that I am an old guy, I'm asking that I be able to access trails like any other bike rider. It is so cool for me to hop on and ride now-it is promoting a healther life stye. We all need to be outdoors more, e-bikes allow me to get good exercise and enjoy nature-nothing wrong with that!!!!