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Comments: I have been riding MTB for over 30 years (non pedel assist) and building MTB volunteering for 5 years and professional for 5 years.

For me a pedal assist e-MTB, provided the needed help to have more people being active outside, taking care of their own life bought physical and mentally. for some people this is what they need to exist.

The pedal assist e-bike is quite, looks like a Mtn bike and requires pedal assist to work (or else it does not go) The advantage is it help on hills and allow to ride longer distances and be active instead of not being active.

To classify these as as a motorized vehicle is wrong. And will have a huge impact on many peoples quality of life. They don't press a button or turn a throttle to make it go. They actually have pedel to create motion.

From a professional Trailbuilder perspective this Pedel assist bike do not have a bigger impact on nature. Inn my opinion it will give more people the opportunity of being active and therefore having a better and more healthy life.