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Comments: Hello,

I have been mountain biking most of my life, starting about 28 years ago. Part of MTB is the community, the shared experience, and yes, the shared suffering. The sense of accomplishment of making it to the top of a climb, or cleaning a section of trail - it is all part of the experience. eMTB is an affront to this experience. Make no mistake, eMTBs are NOT just other MTBs. groups of riders do not mix MTB and eMTB - it is a different experience. eMTB changes the dynamic of riding and adventure. it is no longer about experiencing new trails and solitude away from the crowds because you earned it. eMTB makes it about how big your battery is, now how much endurance you have.

I also have concern about conflict with other trail users. I worry about the added clashes with hikers and equestrians who now have to worry about eMTBs going uphill at 15mph where it would never be possible on a MTB.

I understand eMTB is not going away, but see it for what they are - motorized bikes. they should be treated as such and regulated differently than non-motorized travel.

Thanks.