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Comments: Pedal assist bikes are opening up the outdoors to more people, in a good way. As we cyclists age, it is more difficult to explore further along the mountain bike trails - and with a pedal assist bike, we can enjoy being out longer and going FURTHER than we normally could. In addition, pedal assist helps NEW cycling consumers get out and enjoy riding in groups and learning together.

Classifications can help, if there is a concern that 'motorized' bikes is going to give an endless reckless abandon of people showing up with true motorcycles on bicycle trails. With proper education at the retailer and through Advocacy groups, the world will continue to evolve - pedal assist bikes are FAR better for the environment than true 'motorized/petrol' bikes.

Last comment - I have friends, young and old, with heart or lung health conditions (otherwise very healthy individuals) who need pedal assist to get up the hills - it is so wonderful to have them with us when we ride!!! AND, there is NO extra damage to trails - the bikes are designed like bicycles, and have good suspensions. Classifications can help, with good signage at the trailheads.