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Comments: Hello,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this topic. While i fully endorse and welcome the inclusion of e-bikes on the road, i have hesitation about doing the same on the trail. I do appreciate the increased access this may afford people and with it the advocacy power of more people interested in the lifestyle, but i fear that we may be opening up a Pandora's box. I don't feel like it would be reasonable to establish a system of qualification or a way to limit the power of these e-bikes, and i am worried it will set up a slippery slope. I also will fully admit that my purist mentality comes out a little. Specifically, I don't like the idea of people "earning" access to the backcountry without actually earning it, as i fear this may come with certain people that don't carry the same respect for nature as i have come to expect and appreciate from the mtb community at large. Again, these are not black and white, and this is my candid commentary on how i feel about this. I don't mean to be condescending, but rather to have an honest conversation. Thank you again for the forum.

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