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Comments: I will be 68 years old soon and I have been an avid mountain biker since 1985. Initially, I was opposed to e-bikes because I think they promote laziness and I was also concerned as a mountain bike advocate that they would put more trails at risk of closure to mountain bikes. While I am still amazed that most of the e-bikers I see on my local trails in Lake Tahoe are lazy 20 something frat boys, I am starting to see the good in e-bikes. I recently took a couple old buddies in their 70's for a ride and we took 2 1/2 hours to finish a climb that I would usually take 40-45 minutes to do. I thought, these guys still love the sport but they sure could use an e-bike. Now I am starting to deal with some medical issue and I am thinking that I could use one as well although I am trying my best to hold off until I hit 70.

The main thing for me is that you need to distinguish between class 1 and the other e-bikes. I am ok with sharing with class one, but I think if you add the others, then we are going to start seeing motorcycles on our trails and that I am very obsessed to. I am a volunteer trail crew leader that does a ton of trail building and maintenance and I have see the damage that these more powerful vehicles do to the trails. Plus, I am on the trails for quiet and solitude, not to hear rippers tearing it up.