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Comments: Please do not restrict e-bike riders only to specific trails. Unless riders misuse the trails and roads, ebikes cause no more damage than traditional bikes. Just as with traditional bicycles and all other motorized off-road vehicles, some riders will not follow the rules or respect other trail users.

The ebike I received for my 69th birthday in May has made it possible for me to join my 71 year old husband riding the Mickelson Trail during this difficult pandemic summer. In sections, we have ridden the entire trail twice as well as numerous short rides on sections closest to home. Riding the Trail without a doubt saved our lives and our sanity this year!

Now that I have become accustomed to riding a bicycle again, we had intended to explore other National Forest trails and roads. Only the inclement weather stopped us.

Please don't prevent us from continuing to enjoy the Black Hills in one of the only ways our old, arthritic bodies will allow.