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Comments: First, I am 84 ys old and purchased my first ebike this year and have found very beneficial, plus I live and bike 9100 feet elevation. If it wasn't for my ebike I would be very limited in my biking.

I am very aware of trail building and maintenance. I have been volunteering as a crew leader for 11 years with Friends of the Dillon Ranger District, FDRD. In addition to this with my ideas I have been responsible for raising \$60,000 for FDRD. These monies were used for materials and equipment rental in building trails in the White River National Forest. I mention the above as I am very aware of trail management, maintenance and expenses.

My initial concern about ebikes, on mountain trails were: would ebikes tear up the trails, especially by the young males. I have not seen any evidence: however, I have not seen any 20 +/- riders on emts. If the afore mentioned may be a problem, possibly set an age limit and/or health problems.

Presently I have five friends (1 female and 4 males plus myself) ranging in age 70 -84, (the female) to 84 myself. In every incident it was health or aging for the reason to purchase an emtb. In all incidents, excepting myself, they have told me they would no longer mountain bike. It should be noted that all of live and bike at +/- 9,000 ft..

I would suggest classifying Class 1 eMTBs as any other non-motorized mountain bike. Class 2 and 3 e bikes, should continue there present use but not allowed on present mtn and hiking trails.

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