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Comments: As an MTB enthusiast, I recognize e-bikes are just another form of vehicle I should expect to share single track with, after all, hikers have shared many trails with MTBs for years now. I believe recreation regulators will govern this new e-bike use the best they can. I understand there are many opinions regarding e-bikes and whether they should be aligned with motor vehicles or pedal cycles. We all know that each vehicle type has differing levels of impacts whether the vehicle is powered by an internal combustion engine(ICE), electric motor or even pedal only cycles.

I want to express an obvious point I am sure is already part of the debate. Motor vehicles whether the vehicle be ICE or electric powered has the potential of going many more places not capable with pedal cycles and that technology creating this mobility will definitely increase in performance and capability. Unfortunately, this very mobility, if managed poorly, can contribute to the ever increasing impact on the outdoors. For example, along with mountain biking, I am a backpacker and I have already seen e-bikes on pedestrian trails where they should not be but they are there because electric motors can and do take riders there, with great ease.

My request to land use regulators, is to anticipate this ever evolving e-bike and related electric motor vehicle technology and put these motor vehicles in a category that can be legally and adequately managed.