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Dear Forest Managers,

I have been riding mountain bikes without a motor for over 20 years and don't plan to have an e-Bike in my future. e-Bikes are a new wrinkle in the biking community. What concerns me about e-Bikes is the contentions about trail access, maintenance and funding. Allowing e-Bikes on trails that are currently marked as human powered, in my opinion, may cause a reduction of trail access, or a depletion of trail funding for people - like me - on a regular human powered bikes. I, as a non e-Biker have more skin in the game. I have been biking way longer than e-Bikes have been around. Lumping e-Bikers and Bikers together can have some consequences. If e-Bikers want more trails, then they should form their own groups, raise money, lobby on their own behalf for their won trails. Seems to me that e-Bikers are getting an unfair benefit to the efforts made by people who have been biking for decades before e-Bikes were around. Imagine if off road motorcycles are lumped in as bikes because they also have 2 wheels, one in front of the other. Does that seem fair? I, nor my bike, produce a spark so I think a better approach would be to selectively add e-Bikes in on a more user or trail by trail decision. Let e-Bikers fight for their own rights to access land, like spark-less bikes did. In my opinion, it seems bureaucratically efficient to lump "us" all together, but it is unrealistic given what is at stake.

Thanks for allowing my input,

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