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Comments: Here is a follow up to my previous comment.

I have read so many comments that clearly do not show an understanding of what E-Bikes are! All posts that reference a vehicle that operates like a motorized vehicle should not be considered.

I have seen post that suggest E-Bikes are NOT human powered and should not be permitted. Class 1 E-Bikes are human powered. They only work if you peddle them.

There is no 'Slippery slope' that will lead to motorized use expanding, as the definition of motorized is already established. We simply need to re-establish that Class 1 E-Bikes should not be classified as motorized, as they do not work like a motorized vehicle. They make no noise, only work when peddled, do not go faster than most experienced MTB on the trail and most users are older, respectful and care more about the MTB Trails more than most. They put off no emissions and are less than 1 HP.

Many horse people do not want E-Bikes. Well, most horse people do not want bikes in general! Most horse trails in Montana designate between horse/ hike trails and MTB trails. So all of the horse people, you should be referring to all bikes, not just E-Bikes. And, as a former horse person, I can understand your views. You get to enjoy the wilderness areas, us MTB rider do not. There are more horse trails in my community than MTB trails. Maybe this is a Montana tradition, but it should not give you a bigger voice.

We have more issues with the DH MTB community than we do our E-Bike community. Lets stop being purist and E-Bike haters and all work together to educate and inform our younger riders to respect the trail, not litter and slow down on the downhills. All MTB riders should be in this together. E-Bikes are here to stay.

I faced this in the 80's on a snowboard, when the purist wanted to ban them and I faced this in the 80's when Sport climbing came to a head with TRAD climbing. Now, both climbing and skiing/ snowboarding, have helped our economy, community and are not an issue. Those purist that ridicule me for my Class 1 E-bike, think you need to 'earn' your turns, need to understand that what I do on my E-Bike does not effect you and what you earn. let me be me and you be you. I am not hurting anyone on my Class 1 E-Bike. If this is the case then all people who believe this should never ride a ski lift again, buy some backcountry skis and go earn your turns.

Do I think class 2 bikes should be on MTB trails, NO, they have a throttle. Do I think that Class 3 E-Bikes should be on the MTB trails? NO! They go over 28 MPH. These classifications have bigger batteries, go faster and have a place as urban transportation and backcountry transportation on motorized trails. We NEED to make the distinction and move on.

Thanks