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Comments: From our experience of working with individuals with disabilities we have found that the same piece of equipment with an electric motor can act as both an adaptive mountain bike (trike) and also as a hiking tool for those with different abilities. The main goal for trail etiquette is the speed and flow. What I mean by that is someone using a mobility device on a hiking only trail should be going about the same speeds as a hiker or runner. The same goes for the speeds used on trails that allow biking. We think the speeds at which someone travels in comparison to others is the main risk or lack of risk depending in those speeds. Which I think we can all agree on.

Since more and better technology has been invented over the years we have seen opportunities open up that people with disabilities have never had before. Many of us want to explore our natural environment and people with disabilities are no different. People with disabilities want to make sure we are not excluded from trails that do not allow access by e bikes. That could be both biking trails and hiking trails that ban electric motors from the general public. Without electric motors and adaptive mobility equipment we would not be able to access most of our natural environment.

It would be nice to see more about this and how the ada applies to trail systems on all different land types. Otherwise when we only see it in the "accessibility" section it becomes challenging for the general public to understand the difference. In order to avoid confrontations on trails the general public needs to be aware of this.

This link has two videos worth watching. One is the confrontation and the other is from the man on the trike with an electric motor. Both are worth watching. This is just one example but it happens more often than we would like to see. I myself am disabled and use this type of equipment and am also well connected in the community of people living with disabilities. These stories are too common.

<https://www.tnz.com/2020/09/10/disabled-man-scolded-mountain-biker-trail-kindness/>

Thank you for all the hard work you all put in year after year. Feel free to reach out with any questions. I am happy to help in any way possible.