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Comments: I am 63 years old and have mountain biked for 30+ years. In August, I fell on Phillips Canyon trail and ended up with a broken back. Luckily, I had the BC SOS app and barely reception so TCSAR was able to send 10 heroes to rescue me and get me to medical care.

I'm super experienced and strong and look what a near disaster this was. Mtn biking is inherently dangerous. Who is likely to be e bike users? The least experienced and least fit. The likelihood of accidents is almost unfathomable with inexperienced riders. It is unfair to the riders and certainly to the wonderful volunteers as TCSAR to put them in this position.

There is nothing preventing access to all these trails to anyone who might have an e bike-they are welcome to come walk them and enjoy all the views and pleasures of the outdoors. Mtn biking is not a right we need to promote to everyone and in fact it is, as I've learned, a deceptively dangerous sport that should not be taken lightly.

There is no good reason to make the biking element of BT more accessible. Anyone can use the trails, just not necessarily on a bike if they cannot be human powered.

PS There is also an argument about a slippery slope of policy here. If class 1 bikes are allowed, why not any e-bike? And the class 3 bikes are heavy and thus have big tires and these tear up the trails. Likewise, if e bikes are ok on some trails, why not all? Please don't open this door-it will be hard to ever shut again.....