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Comments: Class one e-mountain bikes are NOT motorcycles. We need to clearly define the very significant difference between the pedal-assist bikes, and the other ones with a throttle. Throttle bikes DO NOT belong on single track trails in the woods or in the mountains. In my view, they are dangerous even on flat, paved bicycle pathways, because of the excessive speed and so many unskilled (and often disrespectful) young riders.

Many of us who are somewhat older (I am 80) have been given a whole new lease on our life enjoying mountain bike trails which I've been riding for over 30 years. Some communities, such as Park City Utah, specifically permit bicycle riders over 65 to use their pedal-assist mountain bikes on all trails in the county. I think this should be universally adopted, and season-independent.

In fact, the permission to ride pedal-assist mountain bikes should be universal, regardless of age.

The idea that excessive speed is a factor with class one eMTB riders, is a false lead. On my e-MTB, I am often passed by strong, young, athletic riders on non-electric bikes, even going uphill! And on the downhill legs, there really is no difference. The eMTB geometry and handling and suspension are the same, for all practical purposes.

Therefore I fully support the opening of forest service bike trails to e-Mountain bikes, the sooner the better!