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Comments: I am 66 years old and I own a peddle assist ebike. The motor is governed, meaning any speed over 19 mph is not assisted by the electric motor. I have had many non ebikes pass me on trails at extreme speeds. To blame ebikes based on some speed concern is non valid in my experience. When I ride with my non ebike friends I have to peddle just as many revolutions as they do. On the uphill I do have an advantage with an assist. The assist keeps the older generation outdoors and active. Ebikes are becoming very popular and are giving the older generation options for an active lifestyle which I think is good for everyone. As a life-long tax payer I want more options for active peddle outdoor activites not more restrictions. My experience has shown me that an assist ebike does not damage the trail anymore that a regular bike and even less than a horse. Please open up more trails and allow peddle assist ebikes to go anywhere a regular bike can go!!

Also, a throttled ebike is a different class and should not be confused or treated the same as a peddle assist ebike.