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Comments: I'm all for using class 1 e-bikes on all trails that are now accessible by mountain bikes. I believe there are no trails near town that will allow e-bikes. Therefore, I must load my e-bike into my gas guzzling truck to go to the nearest e-bike legal trail because unfortunately those trails are in the pass area. If I understand it correctly, the only uphill 'trail' is the old pass road. IT'S A ROAD! And the only other trails allowed are black diamond downhill trails. I'm 73 years old and have double knee replacements. Are you trying to kill me? I would appreciate sharing a regular green or blue trail with other users to prove that we can all get along.

To be clear, I'm only advocating for class one pedal assist e-bikes. The fact is, a low powered pedal assist e-bike has no more impact than an analog bike.

I think some of the opposition to e-bikes stems come from something I call 'athletic elitism'. That is the attitude that if you're not strong enough to ride a trail then you should not ride it. I believe I have more than paid my dues and I should be allowed access despite my infirmities.

E-bikes have gotten a bad reputation in Jackson because of rude people riding overpowered bikes on the bike paths. I don't think that is relevant to trail riding with pedal assist e-bikes. I've ridden a lot of integrated trails in Washington state, Fruita Co , Moab, and British Columbia with absolutely no issues. The only thing required is to be considerate of other trail users. We already experience this on a daily basis by sharing the trails with hikers, horseback riders, and bikes. Remember, it wasn't long ago that people were up in arms about sharing the trails with mountain bikes.