

E-BIKE SUMMARY

OF COMMUNITY COMMENT



E-BIKE USE ON THE RECPATH

2018

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT: [SUMMITCOUNTYCO.GOV/EBIKES](https://summitcountyco.gov/ebikes)

Background

A new Colorado law took effect Aug. 9, 2017, authorizing the operation of Class I and II e-bikes on bike or pedestrian paths where bicycles are authorized to travel.

However, the bill also stipulates that local authorities can regulate e-bikes in their jurisdictions.

Purpose of Public Comment

Since the change in Colorado law, the Summit County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) has received numerous comments both for and against allowing e-bikes on the Recpath. The BOCC has tasked the Open Space and Trails Department with gathering more feedback from the public about e-bikes to determine whether this use might be appropriate on all, or portions, of the Recpath system.

Road e-bikes are built for paved trails and roads



eMTBs are built for all-terrain trails



Note

Only e-bikes on paved pathways are under consideration – **not natural surface trails**

No e-bike use will be considered this year for dirt routes overseen by open space. This policy is consistent with the U.S. Forest Service's stance, which considers e-bikes a motorized vehicle. E-bikes are allowed on forest and county routes open to motorized uses.

Summit County Paved Recreational Pathways System

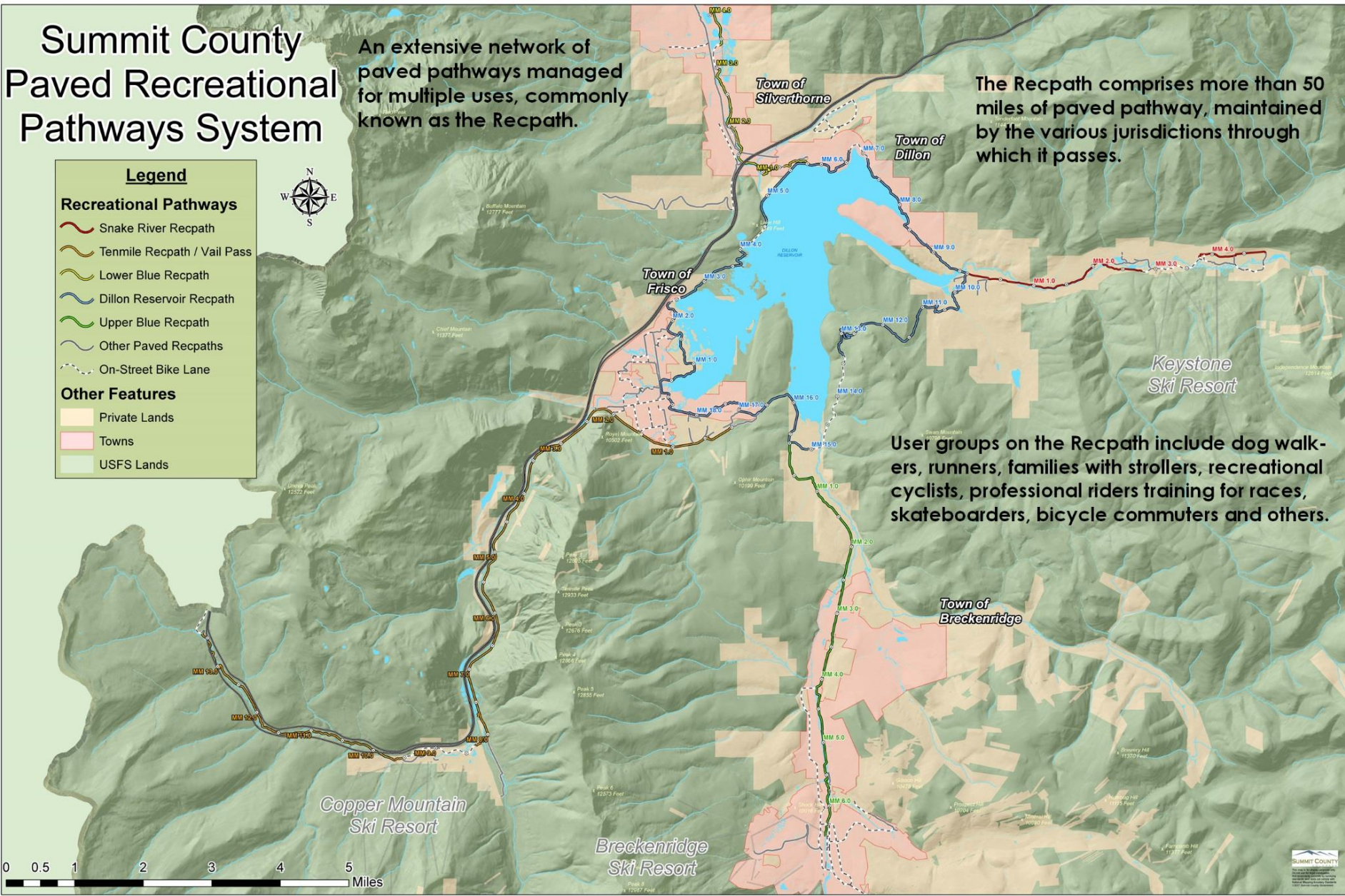
An extensive network of paved pathways managed for multiple uses, commonly known as the Recpath.

The Recpath comprises more than 50 miles of paved pathway, maintained by the various jurisdictions through which it passes.

Legend

Recreational Pathways

Snake River Recpath

Tenmile Recpath / Vail Pass**Other Features**

User groups on the Recpath include dog walkers, runners, families with strollers, recreational cyclists, professional riders training for races, skateboarders, bicycle commuters and others.

E-BIKE COMPONENTS



COMPUTER

BATTERY

MOTOR

E-BIKE CLASSES:

Class 1: pedal assist, max assisted speed of 20mph

Class 2: throttle assist, max assisted speed of 20mph

Class 3: pedal assist, max assisted speed of 28mph

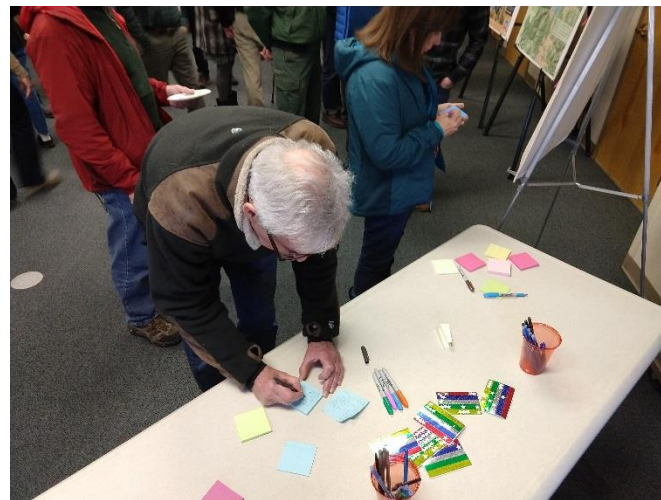
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people**for**bikes

Open House and Online Survey

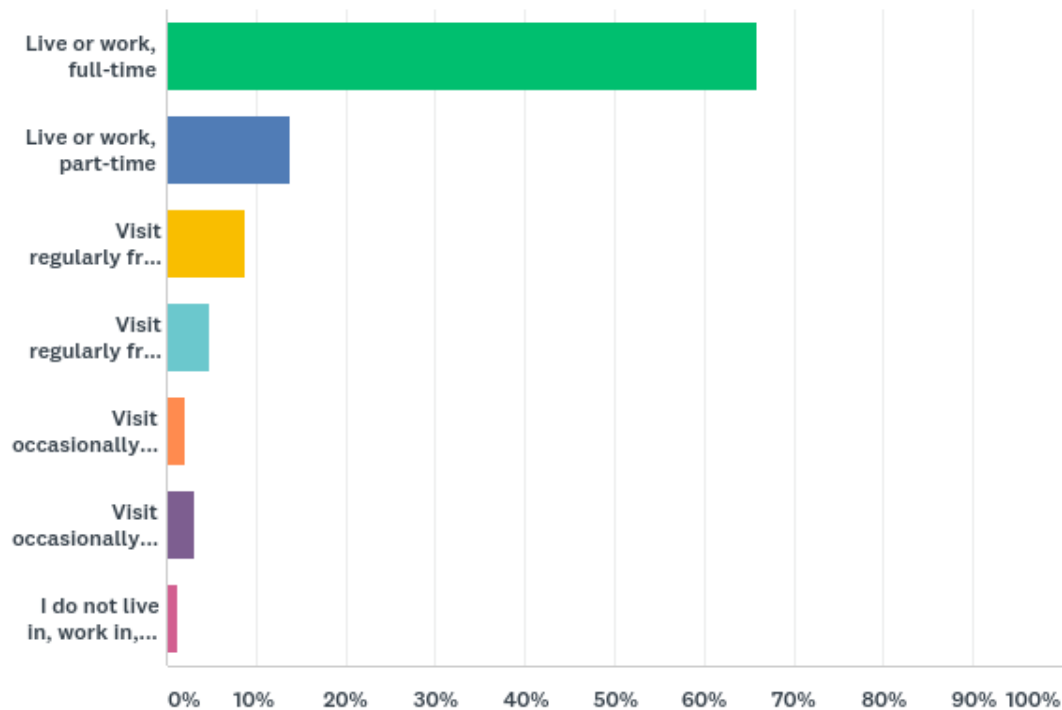
- ❑ Open House:
100+ people
attended
- ❑ Online Survey:
1029 responses
- ❑ 65%: live or work
in Summit County
full-time
- ❑ 64%: over 51
- ❑ 50%: Have never
ridden an e-bike
- ❑ 70%: Use the
Recpath at least
once a week



Survey Results

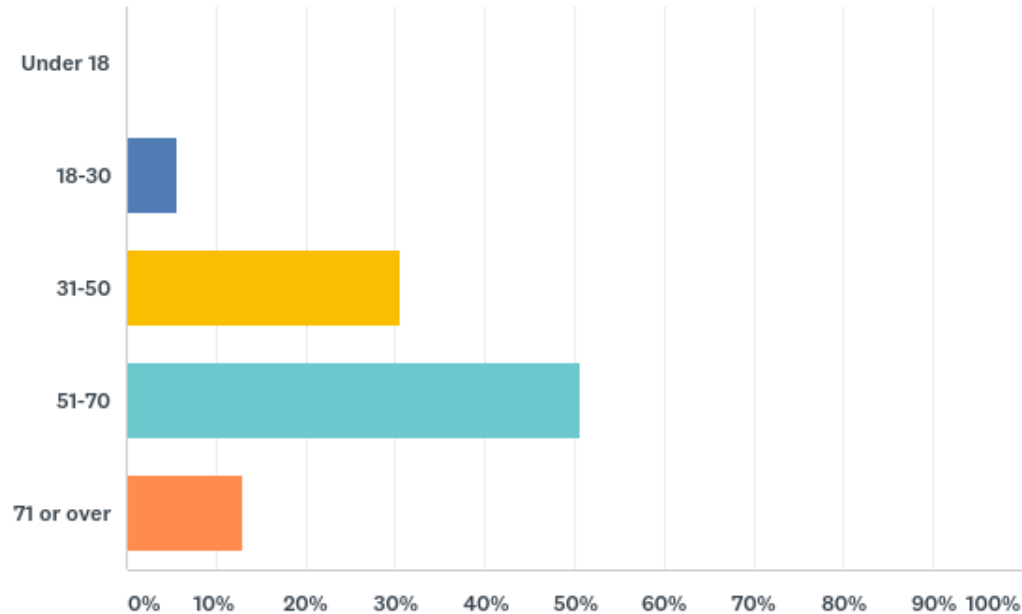


Q1 Do you live in, work in, or visit Summit County, Colorado?



- ❑ Answered: 1029
- ❑ Live or work, full-time: 66%
- ❑ Live or work, part-time: 14%
- ❑ Visit regularly from in-state: 9%
- ❑ Visit regularly from another state: 5%
- ❑ Visit occasionally or do not live in, work in, or visit Summit County: 6%

Q2 What is your age?



❑ Answered: 1027

❑ Under 18: < 1%

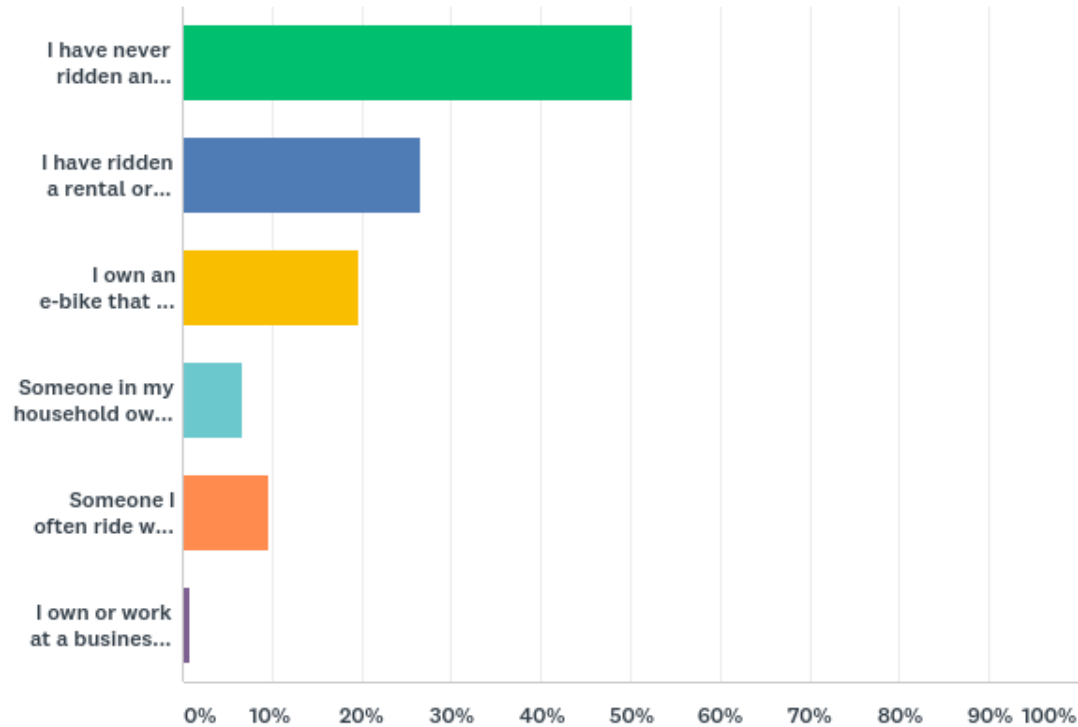
❑ 18-30: 6%

❑ 31-50: 30%

❑ 51-70: 51%

❑ 71 or over: 13%

Q3 What is your experience with electric assisted bicycles (e-bikes)? (Check all that apply)



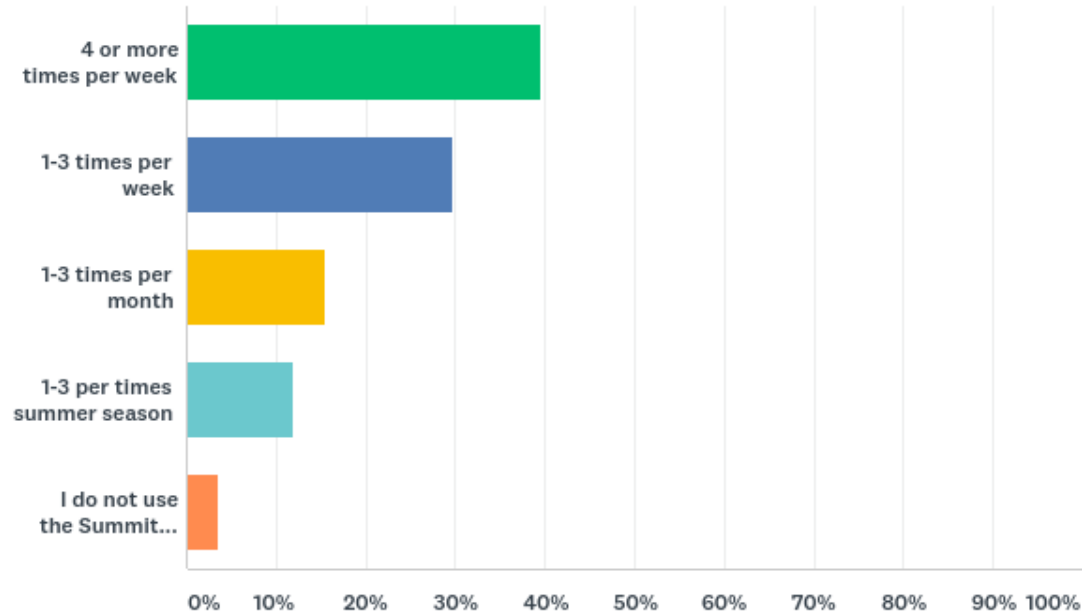
❑ Answered: 1027

❑ Never ridden an e-bike: 50%

❑ Own an e-bike: 20%

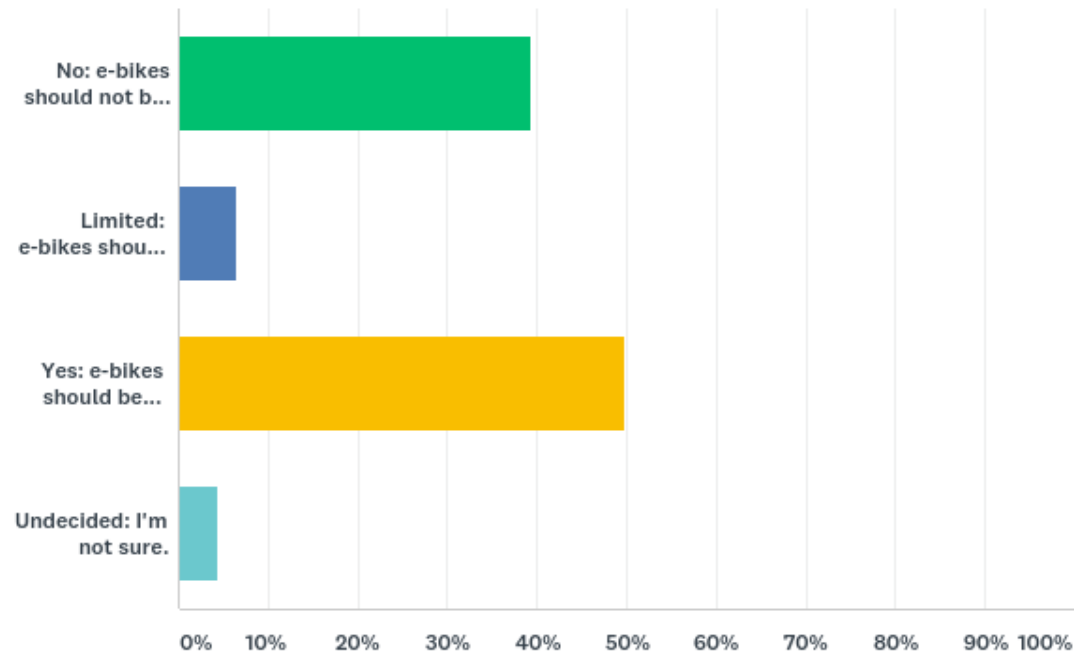
❑ Own, have tried, or are familiar with e-bikes: 50%

Q4 How often do you use the Recpath during the summer season (approximately June-September)?



- ❑ Answered: 1025
- ❑ 4 or more times per week: 40%
- ❑ 1-3 times per week: 30%
- ❑ 1-3 times per month: 15%
- ❑ 1-3 times per season: 12%
- ❑ Don't use the Recpath: 3%

Q5 Should e-bikes be allowed on Summit County's paved Recpath system?



❑ Answered: 1029

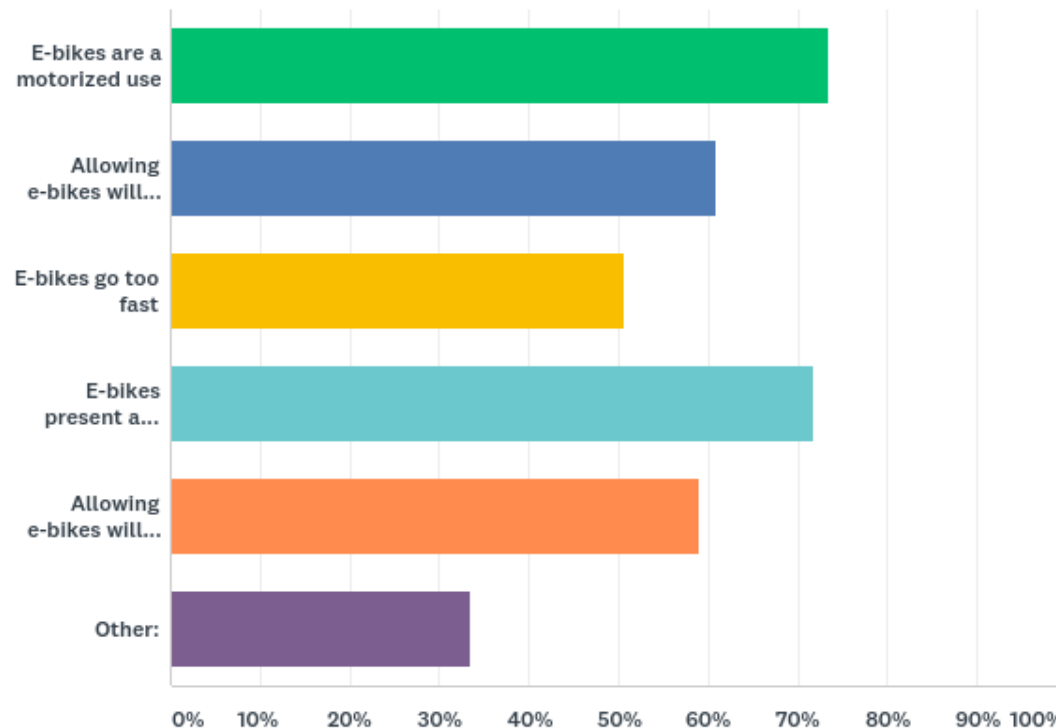
❑ **No: 39%**

❑ **Yes: 50%**

❑ Undecided: 4%

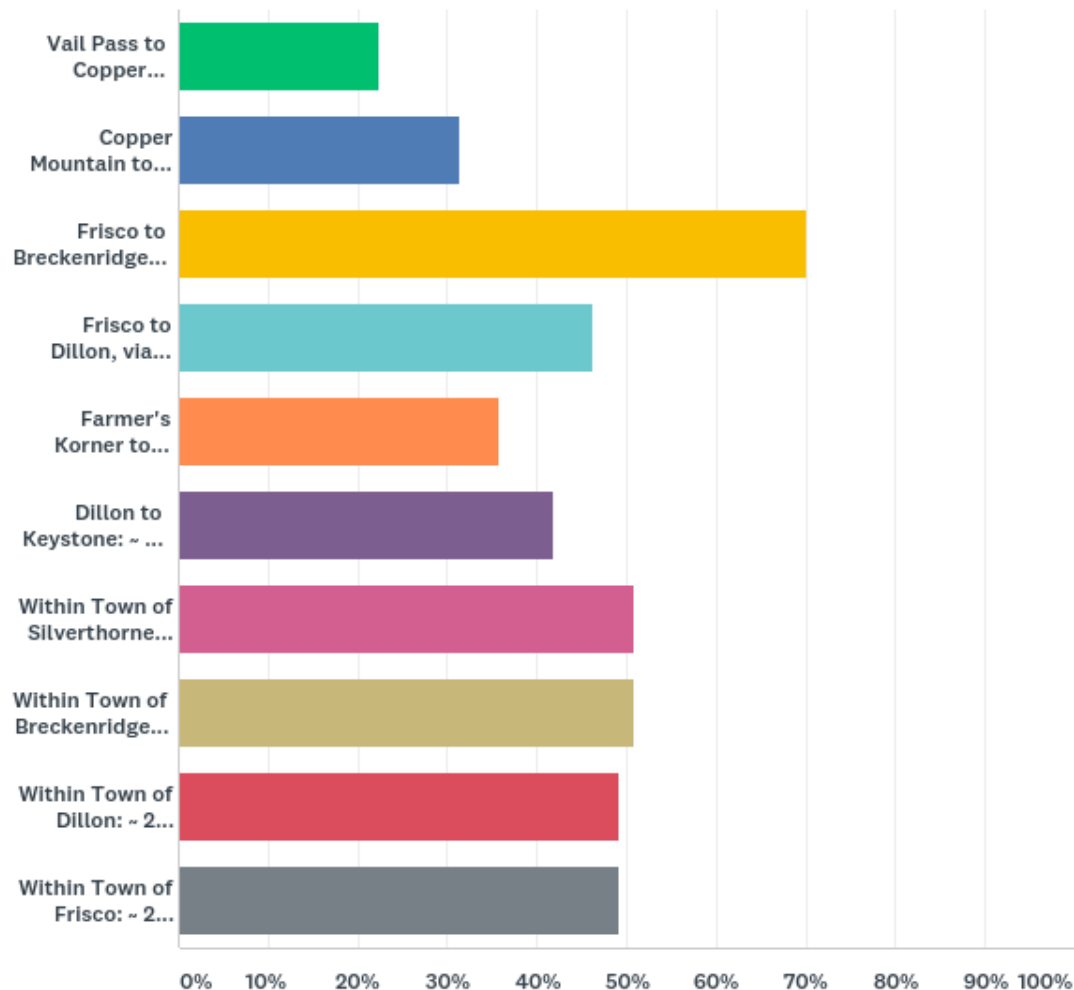
❑ Limited: 7% (Yes, but...)

Q6 Why do you think e-bikes should not be allowed on the Recpath system? (Check all that apply)



- ❑ Answered: 407
- ❑ E-bikes are a motorized use: 73%
- ❑ E-bikes present a safety hazard: 72%
- ❑ Allowing e-bikes will overcrowd the Recpath: 61%
- ❑ Allowing e-bikes will encourage other motorized uses: 59%

Q7 On which sections of the Recpath should e-bikes be allowed? (Check all that apply)

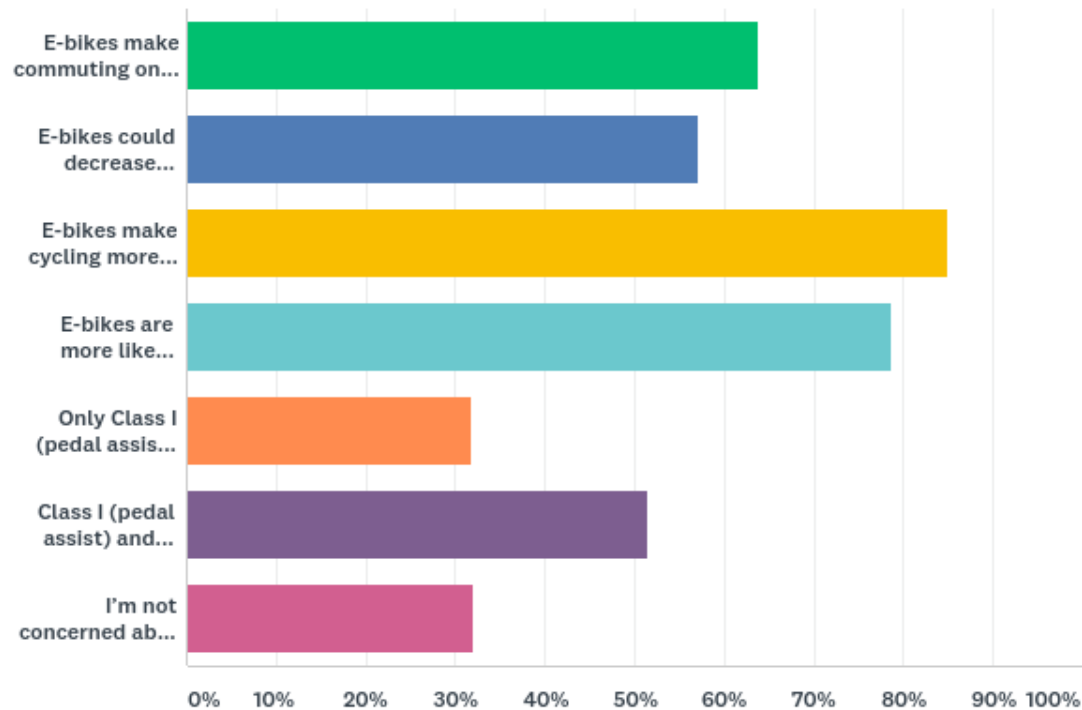


❑ Answered: 67

❑ Frisco to Breck: Most popular route

❑ Vail Pass to Copper Mountain:
Least popular

Q8 Why do you think e-bikes should be allowed on the Recpath? (Check all that apply)



- ❑ Answered: 508
- ❑ E-bikes make cycling more accessible for all: 85%
- ❑ Class I only: 32%
- ❑ E-bikes are more like bicycles than motor vehicles: 79%
- ❑ E-bikes make commuting easier and could decrease traffic: 61%

E-Bike Summary of Community Comment

The Open Space and Trails Program maintains ongoing partnerships with numerous key stakeholders and landowners. Our work would not be possible without their collaboration and support, as well as the strong support of the citizens of Summit County.

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Q10 Please use the following space to provide any additional comments you might have about e-bikes on the Summit County Recreational Pathway System:

Answered: 697 Skipped: 332

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Please see comments above. Proponents may say e-bikes don't go any faster, but when we go to Denver early in the summer before Summit County paths are cleared, our experience is that e-bikes go much faster and cause our riding experience to be not peaceful, but always worry about our safety. I know Summit County likes to encourage tourists for the revenue, but many of us are full time residents, as I am, and we contribute heavily to the local economy. There should be consideration to the folks who want to use the bike path for pure exercise, without the aid of an electric system, and want to enjoy the peacefulness of the outdoors without worrying about their safety. Thank you.	3/19/2018 8:45 AM
2	They make no noise and no pollution. They make it possible for older adults, as well as those less able, to enjoy the pleasures and benefits of riding.	3/18/2018 10:32 PM
3	Last year we did not visit Summit County due to its ban on ebikes use on the Recpath trail system. We will not RV in Summit County Colorado as long as the ebike ban exists. In years before the ban we would spend about a month in Summit County and rode our ebikes on the Recpath. We are lifelong cyclists and ebikes allow us to continue cycling as seniors. Fortunately there are other states/areas that welcome us with our ebikes. John Ruckert Lago Vista Texas	3/18/2018 7:27 PM
4	We did not make our annual 6 week summer visit to the Frisco, Dillon, Silverthorn, Keystone, Breckinridge, Vail, & Copper Mountain area last summer when we found out ebikes were banned from the rec. trails. We were very disappointed not to be able to enjoy beautiful Summit County on our new ebikes. Having been lifelong responsible cyclists, but now in our late 60's, ebikes have enabled us to continue doing what we enjoy mostriding bikes ! Now with our ebikes, we just have a little extra 'assist' getting up the hills.?? I hope the Board of Commisions will vote in favor of allowing ebikes on the rec. paths so we can once again visit and enjoy all of Summit County on our ebikes.	3/18/2018 7:23 PM
5	I use an ebike to tow my kids uphill. Very difficult to do with a traditional bike for long distances. Please allow us to use them on the Rec path. We can drive to town and back - no car, no parking hassles and won't take an unreasonable amount of time. Having bike renters take a short safety course before use would make it safer for all path users.	3/18/2018 4:48 PM
6	I can see a use for the Class I bikes in certain situations. I fear opening use however will lead to full E-bike use on paths and crowd the paths with tourists who are not able to ride on our mountain paths safely now and will make it worse with more accidents	3/18/2018 8:08 AM
7	Every summer more people come to visit Summit County, it's what allows us to live and work up here in this beautiful area. Our efforts should always be to allow new activities that allow people to get outdoors while they're here. The more fun people have while in our county, the more likely they are to return and spend money in our community.	3/17/2018 9:10 AM
8	Would allow elderly people to ride easier with there younger families.	3/16/2018 5:18 PM
9	allows for greater use of rec path by those who are older, have a hard time at altitude, have to tow their children. More time outside being active, less traffic and parking issues, can go further distances. Please allow us to use our E-bikes. Thank you.	3/16/2018 11:57 AM
10	I don't think it would be worse than it is. It might get me out more- I'm 69	3/15/2018 9:44 AM
11	E-bikes are motorized travel with various power options that could be difficult to control. Excessive speed could present a hazardous problem	3/14/2018 5:33 PM

Community E-bikes Survey

12	I have ridden on roads with e-bikes. Their speed is hard to gauge because the rider is not peddling at a speed in relation to the bike. Sounds strange, but you get used to judging speed by peddle rotation speed. So you need to look at e-bikes as motorcycles -- motorized cycles. But e-bikes look like bicycles not motorcycles. I think limited use may be OK, but I'm hesitant about even that. Limited use may be politically correct in that it allows more users of some sections of the pathways. They are motorized and faster than non-motorized for the same person, and so should be kept off the most used pathways.	3/14/2018 4:33 PM
13	Great job with your public outreach effort! Thanks for considering Summit County residents' input on this topic.	3/14/2018 3:35 PM
14	I worry that they will be a safety hazard. As I walk on the Rec Path, I am sometimes startled by bikes moving quickly. I think e-bikes will only increase this and more collisions will occur.	3/14/2018 12:39 PM
15	E-bikes are another opportunity for a small number of commercial bike rental businesses to profit from access to public trails that are already grossly overcrowded. The conditions on Vail Pass on any day of the week should be example enough of the deterioration of public facilities for the enrichment of a few.	3/13/2018 3:47 PM
16	I think Class II E-bikes will exponentially increase the traffic and danger on our already overcrowded Vail Pass down to Copper for example. The increased influx of visitors every year may now take their own motorized vehicle on a beautiful ride to the summit with little effort. They would then add more riders to the other hordes of bicyclers delivered by commercial busses to the summit, who have terrorized regular bicyclists on their headlong way down the mountain. Very dangerous.	3/13/2018 3:02 PM
17	The bike path is already over used. If we want some sort of usage of ebikes build a path along side the current path that would allow ebikes in places that people use to commute.	3/13/2018 1:59 PM
18	Perhaps it is time for non e-bikes to go back on the roads with cars. There is no way the bike paths are going to accommodate the volume of traffic that this is going to cause. They are crowded now. Seniors are tending to e-bikes because they need them.	3/13/2018 12:27 PM
19	Would also like to mention I never want to see e bikes on our trails	3/12/2018 2:24 PM
20	Non assist should not be allowed ever	3/10/2018 1:15 PM
21	The easement on the "foot path" through private property should never have even allowed non-motorized bikes. Also, just walking a dog on a leash is dangerous with inconsiderate speeding cyclists going by unannounced.	3/10/2018 9:16 AM
22	My yard backs to the Rec Path and I use it daily. It is already crowded enough during the summer months with a mix of bikes and pedestrians. Ebikes just up the chance of a bike/pedestrian collision.	3/10/2018 9:14 AM
23	There was nowhere on the survey to indicate that I'm OK with the use of e-bikes by truly disabled people (i.e. the current law). I am in favor of disabled people using e-bikes if that is the only way they can enjoy the paths, so I guess I'm in favor of keeping the current law as it is.	3/9/2018 8:19 PM
24	I am concerned that people who have limited knowledge and skill of bike riding will be on the paths, especially on hills. The people renting bikes often stand in the wrong place, do not handle the bikes well and/or do not wear their helmets. We do not need more accidents. Thus, I recommend we only allow the class 1, pedal assisted bikes and on restricted paths. However, I don't know how this will be monitored or 'policed'.	3/9/2018 6:13 PM
25	Trail congestion among existing user groups is already a large problem. Adding an additional user group will exacerbate this problem.	3/9/2018 4:17 PM
26	Please do not allow this to happen. Pedestrians and walkers will only be pushed off the recpath	3/9/2018 3:16 PM
27	I do worry about being hit by an ebike passing me if I am going slow, or walking with grandkids or a dog. So, who had the liability for injuries while on this county owned trail? Who will monitor the dangerous downhill segments which already is precarious?	3/9/2018 3:08 PM
28	We are a phically active county. We should not be encouraging seditary activity on our recreation paths. My personal safety is still my number one concerns. And please no rental bikes	3/9/2018 2:10 PM
29	Try it on restricted areas to begin with. If it is not successful, take it away. How about 3 parallel paths: one for foot traffic, one for non e-bikes, one for e-bikes.	3/9/2018 12:56 PM

Community E-bikes Survey

30	There are a lot of folks here who don't have access or regular access to a car who need to get around. E-bikes are cheaper, convenient, and green. We should be encouraging their use, not worried about pearl clutching from people who look at it as their 'own' resource that can't be disturbed.	3/9/2018 12:16 PM
31	I would only support e-bikes that assist the rider when they are pedaling. Those that do not require pedaling may be OK when getting from Frisco to Breck but not on other sections of the path. You might also consider a commuter pass - where those who live here and use an ebike to commute have permission, but visitors who don't know the area and create havoc cannot. Certainly not from Vail down to Copper or Frisco - we already have a hazard with those who get a shuttle up and don't know how to ride - send them to Breck instead.	3/9/2018 10:19 AM
32	As an aging biker, I don't currently need an e-bike, but I can see a time in the not too distant future where if I want to continue biking here, I'll need one. I do feel strongly that class II e-bikes should not be allowed as they require no effort on the part of the rider.	3/8/2018 9:48 PM
33	The rec path is crowded as is. There are other options for those who wish to use e-bikes.	3/8/2018 5:04 PM
34	I can see the positives with getting people out there on the rec path, but I am concerned that it will cause overcrowding and reckless people on the path.	3/8/2018 9:55 AM
35	Leave our paths & trails to the walkers & hikers. It would take our last option away from us.	3/7/2018 10:02 PM
36	ebikes provide an alternative mode of transportation allowing locals and guests to explore more of summit county and increase accessibility promoting health, green initiatives and biker safely. Excellent idea and kudos to the progressive thinking by Summit County leadership.	3/7/2018 7:40 PM
37	I support ebike use on the Recpath only by those with disabilities as strictly defined by the ADA.	3/7/2018 6:39 PM
38	When on a cycling trip in Poland, I observed a number cycling tourists on ebikes. Without this assist those tourists would not have been fit enough to enjoy the tour. I would like visiting family and friends to have an opportunity to enjoy our rec path despite our altitude and the climbs required. At the same time, these would-be cyclists also likely lack cycling skills, finesse and may present a danger to everyone on the path by virtue of the fact that they are mechanically propelled and they lack proper schooled reactions to avoid collisions or mishaps.	3/7/2018 5:58 PM
39	In the past you've had speed limits of 15 mph on the bike paths. These go 20. Usually a bike rider who is going 20 mph is a pretty experienced rider. More inexperienced riders who can now go 20 mph will increase mayhem and injuries on the paths. Think of all the tourists who just ride down the bike path from the pass. With an e-bike and access, they'll be all over the county posing a huge safety hazard to other bikers and pedestrians. They often seem unversed in bicycle etiquette....because they don't ride back home. It is only an 8' or 10' path....lots of bikes going faster will probably not end well.	3/7/2018 4:22 PM
40	The Rec Paths are already crowded particularly on weekend. With additional use by e-bikes more riders without being aware of bike safety and courtesy. Children riding is danger to themselves as well as other riders. They do not get off the path when stopped.	3/7/2018 3:05 PM
41	E-bikes should be allowed on all roadways that allow motorized use, and we should accommodate and stripe lanes accordingly. E-bikes, however, should not be allowed on non-motorized pathways or trails - especially in the vicinity of state and national forests and wilderness areas.	3/7/2018 2:38 PM
42	Most e bike users are in mature age category. Speed is not as issue. E bikes may reach speeds of 20MPH, but downhillers on the paths can exceed 25-35 MPH	3/6/2018 10:52 PM
43	If your not handicapped, you need to be riding a bike for the sake of riding a bike, not a scooter. Speed is the only difference between an ebike and a scooter. Scooters aren't allowed on bike paths for obvious safety reasons, nor should evokes be allowed for those same reasons.	3/6/2018 10:05 PM
44	There should be as much outreach about your final decision as the "threat" of banning all e-bikes as soon as there is a single (or 2? or 3?) accidents in which the e-bike is clearly at fault.	3/6/2018 9:20 PM
45	E-bikes will allow people use the rec path who under normal circumstances wouldn't be able to without electrical assistance. This is both good and not so good. Crowding on the path would increase exponentially seems to be the most serious issue. Extra bodies and more unskilled cyclists leading to increased accidents and injuries. I must say that I try not to cycle the rec path on weekends as it is.	3/6/2018 9:12 PM
46	As if the increase in rental bikes to slide down Vail Pass is not enough to negatively impact cyclistsxwho enjoy the recreational and health benefits of cycling, you now have another activity that will affect life style andxquality of lufe for residents-full and PT if this county.	3/6/2018 7:19 PM

Community E-bikes Survey

47	Your survey is not good for a professional survey company. Class 1 ebikes present no problem the people who use them are very courteous and ride like the rest of us. Burning question, who will enforce what ever rules or laws at put in place. Don't ask volunteer bikers to do it. Your rules on adventure companies who's customers repeatedly abuse the rec. paths are not enforced so why are you even bothering, just to feel good.	3/6/2018 6:08 PM
48	Our Rec Paths are ALREADY crowded! Give us a break!	3/6/2018 5:50 PM
49	E bikes for the disabled in downtown areas would be ok.	3/6/2018 5:42 PM
50	Enforce leash laws, please! Don't add more laws about a subtle modernization to bicycles. Do enforce speed limits of all bikes on rec paths. Provide as much education as possible to all user groups on how to co-exist on the paths. ;-)	3/6/2018 4:50 PM
51	with the increased summer visitations, this could be a very popular activity. It's dangerous enough on the bike path now. Very, very bad idea for this county.	3/6/2018 4:41 PM
52	Safety, i.e. speed is my major concern. Class 2 and 3 go too fast.	3/6/2018 3:33 PM
53	Very adamitely against any e-bikes on any trail on Summit County	3/6/2018 2:57 PM
54	These bikes move much faster than current users, walkers and cyclists. This coupled with inexperienced rental riders creates unacceptable risk. Think drop off rental riders from the top of Vail Pass	3/6/2018 2:23 PM
55	Please consider all the alternatives to banning e-bikes. They make cycling accessible for families and the elderly, and everyone in between. Simply posting a speed limit would achieve the goal of safety without excluding people who want to go out and enjoy the outdoors with their family and need a little help from an e-bike. I am regularly passed on my e-bike by road cyclists. A speed limit would apply equally to all and keep everyone safe.	3/6/2018 2:05 PM
56	OK with dismount zones in very congested areas, but for regular bikes as well. E-bikes are perfect fit for a regional trail!	3/6/2018 11:36 AM
57	See comment above. In addition, e-bikes are much less of a health/hazard risk than the long boards that particularly go down from Copper to Frisco.	3/6/2018 10:39 AM
58	I believe it could be a good way for a new economic benefit. I'm not sure how overcrowding would be affected by e-bikes. Would it clog up the RecPath more? Is it either e-bikes or rental bikes anyway?	3/6/2018 10:15 AM
59	They will be a disaster. Unskilled riders will assume they could/should go everywhere. Roll-offs from Vail Pass and skateboarders are enough of a hazard now. Path should be restricted to walkers and traditional bicycles, etc.	3/6/2018 9:03 AM
60	I am 71 years old and have been a hard core mountain biker from its early beginnings. I still bike daily when the weather permits but with my "old body" (bad knees, arthritis, etc) I now use a class 1 electric.. It is still a workout as the motor is only an assist.. And the top speed is way lower than the road bike riders that pass me.. I built my first electric bike for my students 20 years ago and know that an e-bike is not that much different than a regular bike. Dogs off leash are a much larger problem on Summit County trails.	3/6/2018 4:13 AM
61	See previous comments	3/5/2018 9:25 PM
62	My husband and I have e-bikes and enjoy riding them. I have a back injury and the e-bike allows me to participate in bike riding when riding uphill. I feel like we are as conscientious on our bikes as non e-bike riders. I have personally witnessed regular bike riders riding faster than us and at times reckless. I would very much like to continue being able to ride my e-bike around the bike trails.	3/5/2018 9:23 PM
63	These bikes should never be allowed to be in the rental pool.	3/5/2018 8:27 PM
64	The rec path speed limit where marked is 15 mph. At that speed, with a competent rider it should be safe. Children should not be allowed to use E-bikes on the rec. path. I would recommend a competency test similar to motorcycles for all E-bike users. The bike should also be tested to ensure it doesn't exceed the 20 mph limit.	3/5/2018 8:05 PM
65	It's all about accessibility. E-Bikes are not a danger. Poor etiquette is about rider behavior, not the type of bike being ridden. Allow e-bikes.	3/5/2018 5:18 PM

Community E-bikes Survey

66	As a senior citizen living in the county I think anyone 65 or older should be allowed a E-bike. With their limited speed I think they are as safe as the athlete biker who goes as fast as they can on a road bike.	3/5/2018 5:14 PM
67	Our rec paths are already overcrowded and adding a motorized bike will create an unsafe situation. Boarders and allowing companies to flood the path have already added to many unskilled people on the path.	3/5/2018 3:09 PM
68	This is a safety issue, I cant imagine the increased volume with electric bike will improve, It is very busy already on the bike path, adding an easier way for more inexperienced will adding for danger.	3/5/2018 2:05 PM
69	E-bikes with pedal assist have allowed seniors to enjoy biking.	3/5/2018 1:27 PM
70	County has no enforcement officers for the ebike rules and power. The pathways are already overcrowded. Adding a user that is unfamiliar with biking etiquette will cause problems. Currently the pathways need more maintenance. Adding additional users with silent fast bikes cause to many "on your left" warnings. This will take away from the ambiance of our and pristine ecosystem we get to bike thru and enjoy so much with out the concern of being hit by others speeding by.	3/5/2018 1:19 PM
71	There is little to no enforcement of regulations on the rec. path system now, and I suspect that this won't change. Therefore, I doubt you can stop the proliferation of e-bikes on our rec. paths. I have already seen them being used.	3/5/2018 11:42 AM
72	At times the rec paths become very congested with all types of users. People riding e-bikes or any assisted moving device should have a greater penalty for accident liability. Faster speed makes for more serious the injury.	3/5/2018 11:39 AM
73	Cyclists are often presently challenges with multi uses at the present time. Motorized uses have no place on the Rec Path system as it presently exists.	3/5/2018 11:17 AM
74	The bike paths are busy with bicycles we do not need motorized bicycles causing more hazardous conditions	3/5/2018 11:07 AM
75	I would only be in favor of the Class I e-bike. I think there would have to be restrictions on use on the weekends and holidays. The bike path is already too crowded at these times.	3/5/2018 9:17 AM
76	For the first time I am able to ride with my husband on his bike rides. It is still great exercise proven by my heart rate monitor. Just so you know I have been approached on the Breckenridge to Frisco path by irate bikers. I find it odd that they go after a 65 year old woman just trying to get some exercise and ride with friends and family. I do have a hip replacement I'm not disabled but my e-bike has been a great addition to my exercise routine and I am not comfortable riding on highways with lots of cars. So the paved bike systems are crucial. We are a homeowner in Breckenridge.	3/5/2018 8:18 AM
77	I have ridden a regular bike in Summit County for years. As I have gotten older, riding has become more difficult. With an evoke, I can continue riding and enjoying Summit County's beautiful scenery. To deny ebikes access to paved bike paths is a form of age discrimination.	3/5/2018 7:53 AM
78	E-bikes belong on the road. Those of us who walk or ride slowly on the paths already face challenges. Thank you	3/4/2018 10:06 PM
79	No sure what the problem with e-bikes really is. I've ridden road bikes, mountain bikes and e-bikes on the Rec Path and the only problem I've had is with dogs on long leashes or not on one.	3/4/2018 8:24 PM
80	Main concerns are with an increase in rec path usage coupled with a decrease in concentration of e-bike users on the rec path leading to more conflict with other non e-bike users. See there are some benefits from e-bikes in longer distance commuting / errand running to reduce vehicles on the road.	3/4/2018 3:32 PM
81	conntinue e.bike use for people with disabilities	3/4/2018 3:19 PM
82	There is no compelling need to expand the use of the RecPath system in this manner. "Non-motorized" is a clear delineation. Let's keep it that way.	3/4/2018 3:01 PM
83	Ebikes are fun and pose no hazard unless the user is uneducated in their use. We have issues with "tourists" in general, not abiding bike safety rules. Perhaps ban "rentals" of ebikes since you will always get uneducated yahoos. But those who own them, know what they're doing.	3/4/2018 12:59 PM
84	I would visit Summit County more and spend my dollars supporting local businesses if I knew I could ride my e-bike on the paved trails. I have a degenerative knee condition and using an e-bike is the only way I can ride comfortably. The ability to ride an e-bike on the Summit County pathway system is the primary reason I would go to Summit County.	3/4/2018 8:26 AM

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85	They have a motor. Period.	3/3/2018 9:57 PM
86	Having a class I/II e-bike has allowed both my wife and a couple of my friend's wives to go more often and more importantly, further thereby. In the past they would MAYBE go a 10 miles or less and now they can go 30 plus miles.	3/3/2018 4:52 PM
87	Without education on how to use the recpath, visitors would create a safety hazard.	3/3/2018 11:45 AM
88	Insuring e bike user follow posted speed limits and know how to control the machine needs to be addressed. To easy to go to fast or be unsafe without some patrolled enforcement.	3/3/2018 11:33 AM
89	I can see how rental bikes for tourists would be a problem as they would use only the power and not just as an assist. However, I am personally passed all during any ride by high speed road bikers--mine is a mt. bike outfitted with elec assist. Is it these fast road bikes don't want us old people with health issues on their paths? If you ban class 2 elec bike it will be the end of my bike riding due to my health issues (going up hills). Please reconsider. Thanks	3/3/2018 10:42 AM
90	We're not in our 30's anymore!	3/3/2018 9:03 AM
91	E bikes could make commuting between Breck and Frisco much easier and could get some cars off of the road. I don't think it is reasonable to limit them in some sections and not others. A patchwork of rules would not work well. If allowed, there needs to be an increase in education about cycling etiquette and laws.	3/3/2018 8:55 AM
92	The ebike is nothing more than a small frame motor cycle. Just because it is an electric motor it is still a motor. I have already have experienced ebikes on the Rec path and have seen the users pass me (an avid & experienced cyclist) on a blind up hill climb on the wrong side of the Rec path with no regard to potential downhill cyclists coming over the crest of the hill. She could of taken that cyclist down & probably me as well!! Do you understand that the no cyclist (no matter how fit) can average 20 miles (plus) per hour in Summit County! If you decide to approve this the resulting injuries & problems will be in your hands.	3/3/2018 7:49 AM
93	My wife has an e-bike with a max speed of 17 mph. You have results from radar trailers on the bike path. Plenty are exceeding the limit currently.	3/3/2018 6:29 AM
94	Many of the friends of mine that own e-bikes are very careful and respectful of other users of any rec path used. They are also older, most retired and use bikes for exercise and enjoying the outdoors with others. My wife is very interested in us getting e-bikes so we can ride more together.	3/2/2018 9:24 PM
95	What's the difference between a bike and someone riding over 20 miles an hour on a regular bike. People can be rude and ride unsafely on any kind of bike. Any bike will not make any more noise than a regular pedal bike and maybe even less cause you won't have to hear all the huffing and puffing. I know lots of people that would use an electric bike to enjoy the outdoors more if they had the opportunity.	3/2/2018 5:20 PM
96	most wrecks involve riders who are ignorant of the rules of the road, particularly on weekends. with the continuing influx of companies dropping at Vail pass, safety is compromised. add ebikes and you have compounded issue. I would support them only for the handicapped	3/2/2018 4:49 PM
97	It would be unsafe. It's already crazy out there and people are clueless enough as is about the rules of the road. This would push all the road riders to the streets	3/2/2018 4:04 PM
98	see previous note	3/2/2018 3:54 PM
99	if managed properly ebikes can work right along with regular bicycles. There may have to be some "right of way regulations" put into place for ebikes to commingle better.	3/2/2018 3:08 PM
100	I fear the people who rent e-bikes may not have the needed bike handling skills to be safe and in control.	3/2/2018 12:56 PM
101	It will be a huge disservice to the locals and to the local economy to disallow e-bikes.	3/2/2018 11:52 AM
102	Terrible idea -- see previous comments, particularly as it would set a precedent for other motorized uses in areas presently off-limits (like the national forest).	3/2/2018 11:34 AM
103	We have many inexperienced bikers on the trails and many potential dangers - blind curves, steep descents, switch backs, slippery spots in adverse conditions, young children and inexperienced adults who straddle the bike paths or ride in the wrong lane. It's very likely that more visitors to the county who are inexperienced will crowd the bike paths and likely cause more severe accidents. I hope that statistics on accidents are being kept and that you will consider the dangers to locals and visitors and to children who use our bike paths.	3/2/2018 11:06 AM

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104	I'm a road cyclist, and we already get treated like garbage on the roads (which have their own set of hazards, including rocks and potholes) and I use the recpath as a safer space to recreate. Most people I've seen on e-bikes aren't physically disabled and zip around like they're driving on a road. Opening the recpath to e-bikes opens it to other motorized use (slippery slope). There are enough issues on the path (crowding, general ignorance) without adding e-bikes.	3/2/2018 10:56 AM
105	I hope the BOCC will diligently work to get all the communities together on this topic and facilitate access for e-bikes. E-bikes make our community more accessible and inclusive. By denying usage, the County appears to only serve a segment of our population. This is neither good for our community or tourism. Thank you.	3/2/2018 10:18 AM
106	For the past 2 years have rented a home in Breck for the month of September. Due to age (65+) and other factors e-bikes are the only option for bicycling the mountains. Very disappointing to find path between Breck and Frisco closed to e-bike traffic last year. Looking for friendlier destinations that accept e-bikes.	3/2/2018 8:36 AM
107	I think many people over look the advantages ebikes may have to help senior citizens enjoy the outdoors and the bike paths in CO	3/2/2018 7:43 AM
108	Boils down to what Summit County is trying to encourage with rec trails. Are we encouraging exercise, or not. Also, if e bikes are allowed, then the precedent is set for future motorized bikes propelled with gas, helium, fuel cell, etc, etc. what about 4 wheel electric carts? Could a precedent be set for other types of motorized vehicles? I vote for encouraging exercise and lower speeds.	3/2/2018 7:01 AM
109	I think the recpath is great and love the landscape but cant use it without the ebike as I am handicapped	3/2/2018 5:08 AM
110	As a parent I like to tow my children and an ebike allows me to do so more pleasantly and allows me to avoid driving. The positives for allowing ebikes outweighs the negatives. We should all share the Rec path. Road bikers should share the path and a 25 mph limit is already set. Being courteous as a biker regardless of type of bike is the most important thing. No gas powered bikes is understandable but ebikes help the elderly or random tourist who may be out of shape. Let everybody enjoy the path. Thank you	3/2/2018 12:09 AM
111	E-bikes allow the older generation to enjoy outdoor mountain riding and improves the quality of life living in CO. We have a shared condo in Keystone and would love to be able to ride our e-bikes through out the area and not only on the busy roads and highways. I think CO has the opportunity to be a leader in authorizing e-bikes and a few cities are taking the lead like Denver and Boulder county. Summit County is a great place to spend the summer and would even be more enjoyable if they were progress and allowed e-bikes. I think a great selling point for Summit County to be on the cutting edge.	3/1/2018 11:10 PM
112	I predict that there will be fewer e-bike accidents than longboard accidents, simply because e-bikes have brakes!!!	3/1/2018 8:40 PM
113	I have friends who don't ride bikes on the Recpaths because they are to old and can't manage the hills, the E-bikes would solve that problem and help those in not that good shape to exercise more.	3/1/2018 8:26 PM
114	I think it opens up summit county paved trails to more people - families to enjoy. The e-bikes let riders of different skills ride together.	3/1/2018 8:22 PM
115	I'm 69 and I exercise using my ebike because I know it will get me home again if I run out of energy from attempting a longer than usual route.	3/1/2018 7:18 PM
116	I have seen more regular bikes out of control and speeding on the Rec path than ebikes. You are discriminating against people with handicaps if you do not allow them on the Rec path.	3/1/2018 6:33 PM
117	Many people use the rec paths to walk dogs, walk themselves, and bike. They often go substantially slower than the 20 mph limit of ebikes. Also many families use the paths. I feel there will be a safety hazard if ebikes are allowed.	3/1/2018 6:25 PM
118	They are the greatest for tackling the hills and keeping older bikers active	3/1/2018 6:13 PM
119	Using an e-bike makes it so I can enjoy the bike paths and being outside. People on reg bikes go way faster than those of us on the e-bikes. Hope you will re-consider. I am 69!~	3/1/2018 5:20 PM
120	How will different class e bikes be enforced and who will do it?	3/1/2018 4:46 PM

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121	The SC Rec Pathway System should be available for people of all abilities of riding. There are people who are returning to bike riding after years of non riding and use an ebike. These people should be encouraged to use the paths, not discouraged. Also, someone recovering from knee surgery can use an ebike as physical therapy and should be allowed to share the pathway system. Finally, an ebike allows someone to travel on the pathway to go to dinner without breaking a sweat-good for rider and good for small business!	3/1/2018 4:06 PM
122	if e bike use increases use of the rec path, upgrades to certain sections may be necessary to support greater use	3/1/2018 3:40 PM
123	I believe that the rec paths are overcrowd on many sections, which will only worsen as the County population grows. This is the main reason why I don't support e-Bikes on the rec paths. In all cases, class II e-bikes should be dropped from any further rec path use consideration.	3/1/2018 3:36 PM
124	If safety/speed is the concern, ebikes are heavier than regular bikes, typically aren't ridden as fast as regular bikes, typically used by older adults for recreation and provide us with a way to join younger riders among friends and family to join in biking outdoors. Who is going to be speeding on an Ebike any more than a road bike.	3/1/2018 2:59 PM
125	The path is already overcrowded and it can be hazardous.	3/1/2018 1:29 PM
126	I have several friends who own e-bikes. They enjoy Breck and will consider selling their Breck home (2nd home) if they are prohibited from e-bike use	3/1/2018 1:29 PM
127	The state of Colorado is paving the way in the bicycling community by making the sport more accessible through the allowance of e-bikes. It doesn't make much sense to go against the state regulations here. E-bikes have the potential to be the future of green transportation and outdoor recreation and should be allowed.	3/1/2018 12:54 PM
128	My experience is that e-bikes properly used are no more dangerous than regular bikes. I have experienced users of regular bikes behaving unsafely, and in fact I would be more in favor of eliminating riders who take a van to the top of Vail Pass and coast down. They are the most dangerous of riders. E-bikes would at least allow casual bikers to cycle up and then back down. They would be familiar with the path when reaching the top whereas the coaster-only has no familiarity.	3/1/2018 12:33 PM
129	I am not allowed to ride my bicycle in the middle of the road. E bikes are motorcycles they should not be on the recreation path.	3/1/2018 12:29 PM
130	Already too crowded	3/1/2018 12:27 PM
131	We live in Eagle County but love your path system. I have ridden all over Europe but feel that Summit County ride match anything I have ridden in Europe. With respect to e-bikes, I think they can provide a means for the aging cyclist to continue riding. (Some pedaling effort mandatory)	3/1/2018 12:24 PM
132	Should be a reeceational path, not a grand prix for athletes. Ebikes are casual as are children and meandering adults. Perhaps it is the dangerous speeders on bikes that need to be regulated.	3/1/2018 11:58 AM
133	I AM 66 AND VERY ACTIVE AND SAFETY CONSCIOUS WITH MY EBIKES. WITHOUT PERMISSION TO RIDE ON THE BIKE PATHS, I WOULD HAVE TO RIDE ON HW 9 TO GET TO SAY HIGHLANDS OR TIGER ROAD. FROM A SAFETY POINT OF VIEW, THIS IS VERY DANGEROUS!	3/1/2018 11:26 AM
134	We have 4 e-bikes in Breckenridge and have enjoyed the rec paths until realizing they were off limits. Many residents and visitors cannot ride regular bikes to enjoy what summit county offers by way of the paved rec paths. E-bikes make this wonderful experience available to many more people. Again, the pro-am cyclists ride much faster than 20 mph and many are very dangerous to have on the rec paths with any other cyclists. Boulder allows e-bikes and more importantly, the state allows them. Summit county is a premier tourist destination and e-bikes will greatly enhance the experience. Riding city streets is not safe, we want to enjoy nature on the rec paths from keystone to copper, etc	3/1/2018 11:19 AM
135	My wife has a class 2 e bike This has been purchased several years ago Banning these bikes will not only prevent her joining rest of family on cycle rides but also make e bike useless in our Frisco home	3/1/2018 11:04 AM

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136	I think ebikes open the possibility of people truly becoming bicycle lifestylists in Summit County. It makes commuting and errands much more accessible for average people - Summit County isn't flat! I think for casual cyclists for whom the elevation is a challenge would benefit from finding biking an accessible activity and it would be a benefit to Summit County in health of residents, image as an active community, and financially as people would be out and stop and shop while riding.	3/1/2018 10:38 AM
137	There are a lot of older people who are finally able to enjoy riding a bike again because of power assisted bikes. People on bikes, regardless of the type, all pose the same risk to one another. An e-bike going 20MPH is no different than the spandex crowd buzzing around at over 20 MPH on their road bikes being angry with e-bikes.	3/1/2018 10:17 AM
138	I am very concerned about the increased cycle traffic reducing safety. Most of the current cyclists do not obey the code and go too fast. There is absolutely no code enforcement and a lot of cyclists wear headsets so they are unaware of their surroundings and cannot hear warnings. I think there is a lot of education that needs to come when considering this proposal so that everyone can be safe and enjoy what Summit County has to offer. Rental bikes especially should come with a required education of what it means to be a responsible rider. Perhaps collecting a license fee when you rent bikes should be introduced and that in turn can be used to in part fund the education and maintenance.	3/1/2018 9:46 AM
139	Groups of Tourist with very limited riding skills passing cyclist uphill into oncoming downhill traffic? You honestly feel this will be a safe environment? Do not be influenced by bike shops greed to rent these electric motorcycles.	3/1/2018 9:38 AM
140	Rec Path Rules: Currently speed, riding 2 abreast, and notification while passing are rules. THERE IS NO ENFORCEMENT OF ANY RULES. WHY DO YOU WANT MORE?? IF YOUR NOT GOING TO ENFORCE RULES DON'T CREATE MORE RULES. MEANINGLESS EXERCISE!!!! CROWDING WILL BE A PROBLEM.	3/1/2018 9:10 AM
141	Biking is suppose to be a healthy activity not a another lazy past time. We don't not need people on the bike path or trails that cannot power their own bike. There is bikes designed specifically for handicap people that do not need artificial power.	3/1/2018 8:49 AM
142	I don't believe that 20 mph max. speed would be a problem since all the younger fit cyclists exceed that speed whenever possible. I usually don't come close to that speed on downhills due to age and common sense.	3/1/2018 6:39 AM
143	Maybe just for mobility impaired people. Otherwise roads are fine	2/28/2018 10:12 PM
144	the rec paths are scary. a lot bike riders go too fast	2/28/2018 10:07 PM
145	My experience is that they are not nearly as stable as regular bikes on steep winding areas I could see them being a bit of a problem.	2/28/2018 10:00 PM
146	The bike path is already overcrowded and even dangerous at certain times and certain sections without the addition of e-bikes. Allowing so many companies to drive inexperienced people up to the top of Vail Pass so they can ride down the hill has been a big contributor to the increase in accidents on the path. We don't need more incompatible bikers on the path!	2/28/2018 9:57 PM
147	For disabled people maybe. Able bodied no.	2/28/2018 9:45 PM
148	We do not have the infrastructure to support allowing e-bikes on our rec path system	2/28/2018 9:00 PM
149	EASIER TO ALLOW THAN ONCE YOU HAVE TO RESCIND! LEAVE AS IS FOR SPECIAL CASES. OUR PATHS ARE HEAVILY USED.	2/28/2018 8:37 PM
150	There needs to be more rider education about riding safely. Maybe there needs to be more speed zones posted.	2/28/2018 8:07 PM
151	E bike is the only way I am physically able to ride the paths	2/28/2018 8:01 PM

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152	Adding another entity to the rec path is dangerous. I live near the path in Frisco and I am afraid to take my 7 year on the path with bikes because I am worried she will get hit by a fast moving road bike. I've seen people arguing and fighting about using the path. In the winter I've seen a fat tire bike collide with an older woman on cross country skis and knocking her down into the deep snow along the edge of the path. The bike kept going. Road bikers already dominate and frighten me and other users to not even wanting to use the rec path. Adding another element is insanity. The rec path is already a busy and dangerous place during peak summer months...And what about all of the special events that take place on the rec path? Sometimes people don't know there is a bike race or running race and head out onto the path only to encounter a professional race that denies anyone else usage. E-bikes move as fast a road bikes and that would be too many fast moving things. Dangerous idea.	2/28/2018 6:56 PM
153	Just give it a try.	2/28/2018 6:07 PM
154	I attended a hearing at Silverthorne Town Hall and they had a member of a front range agency there, who do allow ebikes, and it was quite informative. I think there is a lot of misinformation out there about these bikes. They are NOT motorcycles. Additionally, more people would be able to enjoy our recpath systems, some of whom may not be able to otherwise.	2/28/2018 6:03 PM
155	Why not give it a try and if it starts to cause difficulties, then make appropriate changes?	2/28/2018 6:02 PM
156	Our rec paths are crowded enough as it is with tourists who are careless (riding on the wrong side of the path, not controlling dogs or children, etc.) I am afraid that a rental industry will spring up, encouraging ever larger throngs of uninformed riders on our pathways	2/28/2018 5:51 PM
157	I wrote in other section but believe if people want to ride them and be safe on the path, let them!	2/28/2018 5:40 PM
158	Mixing bikes under human power and ebikes on trails with a lot of elevation change is a really bad idea. There is no problem with mixed use of the trails but ebikes would put too many people on the trails. Human powered riders would abandon the trails. These trails are a gem and a huge financial asset to this county. The challenge of riding these trails is a natural control over the crowds. ebikes on these trails is akin to a gondola being built to take people to the top of peak one.	2/28/2018 5:40 PM
159	I think E-bikes should be allow on the rec paths, but speed limit should be enforce.	2/28/2018 5:29 PM
160	People should have the freedom to enjoy themselves on the rec path. It belongs to all of us	2/28/2018 5:06 PM
161	I'm 74 and like to stay active. I need an assisted e bike to ride around Summit county. I don't feel comfortable riding on the road with cars and trucks. A lot of regular bikes also go fast on the paths. Maybe a speed limit is the answer.	2/28/2018 4:44 PM
162	Use of the Rec paths should be open to all want to use it. Rec paths are amenity for us as Local and visitors. May need to set up speed zones in congested area. Bike paths are not just for road bikers traveling at high speeds, it is for hikers, walkers and anyone who wants to enjoy the outdoors	2/28/2018 4:17 PM
163	Unless someone has a physical impairment and is permitted to be on an ebike, the non motorized paths and trails should not allow motor vehicles.	2/28/2018 3:40 PM
164	Use of this "motorized" bike is the same as and opens the door to allowing any other types of motor powered vehicles regardless of how they are powered, including dirt bikes, motorcycles, motorized skateboards, motorized snowboards unicycles, and Segways! You must draw the line and keep enforcement simple and say NO to any type of motorized vehicles. Thank you, Mike Grein Summit Biking Board Member	2/28/2018 3:30 PM
165	E bikes allows riders that would not be able to bike with a traditional bike to enjoy the experience.	2/28/2018 3:06 PM
166	I would only accept ebikes if they were designed and built to not be able to exceed 10 mph. There are too many inexperienced users on the paths and the ebike at 20 mph is too fast. This is especially true with rental ebikes where I believe those users will often be speeding on blind corners and narrow sections of the path. This is a motorized vehicle and should be restricted to road use.	2/28/2018 2:59 PM
167	Many electric powered motor cycles top speed is 28 mph. Tourist with minimal cycling skills riding uphill at 28mph passing cyclist into downhill riders. Attorneys will feast on this idiotic idea. There are already too many using the path, why not have a meeting on how to enforce the existing ordinance?	2/28/2018 2:34 PM
168	As I get older, and the hills get steeper, being able to use e-bikes on all the rec bike paths would keep me active and in better shape much longer.	2/28/2018 2:31 PM

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169	Making e-bikes available to visitors who have difficulty managing traditional bikes on our rec paths is a terrible idea. Speed is largely problematic for said visitors - providing them speed both uphill and downhill can only compound the personal disasters they inflict upon themselves - and potentially others. If e-bikes are allowed, the adept and responsible e bike riders will be the overwhelming MINORITY of users. The overmatched, out-of-shape, family-of-4 will dominate the pathways & furthermore the number of said families will increase because the groups once fearful of making the dreaded grind from Frisco back into Breckenridge on a conventional bike would be able to set all fear aside & throw their hopelessly inadequate skills sets into the ring, so-to-speak. It cannot be understated how bad such a scenario would be	2/28/2018 2:17 PM
170	We want people out exercising, regardless of ability, age, etc. It is the right answer. If they are rude or inconsiderate, cite them for that, not the bike style.	2/28/2018 2:15 PM
171	I have partial disability with one leg and cannot keep up with friends with a non-assist bike. Since discovering e-bikes, I can now keep up, tho I only ride safely BEHIND my nonassist bike friends, and at a safe speed. Please allow Cat 1 ebikes on the Recpath!	2/28/2018 2:15 PM
172	Type 1 and Type 2 are more bicycle than motorized bike. We purchased such a bike in order for my wife to be able to ride a bike.	2/28/2018 1:55 PM
173	E-Bikes are an amazing way for our elderly visitors to get around the county, get some exercise, and see the sights.	2/28/2018 1:34 PM
174	Concerns: speed, the weight should you have a accident. The volume of inexperienced users on rental bikes.	2/28/2018 1:31 PM
175	We already have a crowded rec path full of people who don't know the rules of the path. The idea of putting those people on e-bikes on the path is terrifying. It would be a matter of time before a severe accident happens (for example a small child is hit by an e-bike going 20 mph).	2/28/2018 1:07 PM
176	The Summit County asphalt recreation trail gets more crowded every year and is often over crowded and projected to get more crowded still, without allowing electric powered vehicles. I've supported expanding the rec. trail for years with the understanding that it is only for NON-motorized use. Further, I cycle with different groups and often choose to bike on roads or highways to avoid over-crowding, which again is projected to get worse. Many people I ride with completely avoid the rec path on weekends, which is quite revealing. The rec. path should remain NON-motorized. Simply because a law has somehow been created (by crafty people) to make out a bike with a motor to be considered to be non-motorized doesn't change the fact that that is a motorized vehicle. At a point in life, the truth, must be acknowledged and in this situation, at no point must a bike with a motor not be considered a bike with a motor. ***Additionally, the idea that there is money to be made by citizens who will use the NON-motorized rec trail and spend money... doesn't take into consideration lost money which is circulating due to the rec path attracting users who may go elsewhere to avoid motorized vehicles and OVERCROWDING.	2/28/2018 12:41 PM
177	only pedal assist if any	2/28/2018 11:48 AM
178	Me McDonald could sell a lot of snowmobiles if we allowed them to be on ski trails. Who will revue old or disabled people if their bike fails? Putting ebikes on recpath is like skate boards on main streets. If people need to carry cargo use there car. Breck has phone app for parking but Verizon can't handle the volume. Many word wide top tourist spots now limit the number of people. Summits infrastructure can not handle the current volume. Mr McDonald just wants more sales. If you pass it limit use to 70 and older and disabled . Vail has more resources than Summit to analyze this and they want to maintain the original intent of the recreation paths, not make them a race tract for young people.	2/28/2018 11:39 AM
179	Would LOVE to use ALL the paths in Summit County as I used to be able to and an e-bike would make that possible. MUCH LESS dangerous than long boards especially coming down to Frisco from Copper Mountain. Have stopped riding that trail because of the long boards.	2/28/2018 11:35 AM
180	I think the way it stands now to only allow use for persons with disabilities	2/28/2018 11:28 AM
181	Goes against the human powered use of rec paths which are built for recreation not speed	2/28/2018 11:03 AM

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182	1, As a frequent pedestrian on the paved recreation paths in the county I see no difference regarding more exposure or risk from an E-bike than a regular cyclist. We are all often passed by very fast regular cyclists going 20 MPH or even more. The issue is not the E-bikes versus regular bikes but responsible riders and pedestrians sharing the path in a safe and civil manner. 2. If sections of the rec. path have very heavy foot traffic and safety appears to be an issue post those sections requiring all cyclists to walk their bikes through that section. Fine those caught ignoring the post with an even higher fine if they collide with anyone in that section. There is already a small section of the path with a blind curve posted between Dillon and Keystone. 3. E-bikes will extend the range I can cycle as I age and let me get to stores to shop for a few items without getting into a gas driven car. It will keep me fitter and the environment healthier as well. 3. I am strongly in favor of allowing both level 1 and 2 E-bikes on our rec. paths.	2/28/2018 11:03 AM
183	Shame on you all for even considering e-bikes on the rec-paths. The rec paths are crowded and dangerous enough and now you want to add more danger to our safety.	2/28/2018 10:57 AM
184	I spearheaded getting the city of Boulder to approve e-bikes in late 2013 and there have been no problems reported since that I'm aware of. At the hearings dozens of older folks like myself testified that if they started enforcing the law that previously prohibited motorized bikes, they would have to start driving cars.	2/28/2018 10:49 AM
185	As I marked in the question, this would create an even more crowded rec path system. An it would encourage more road bikers to ride on the roads, creating a safety issue for cars and bikes.	2/28/2018 10:34 AM
186	Level 1 bikes with pedal assist should be considered for paved trails. It is helpful for me at age 71. I frequently ride without the assist on using it only when necessary: carrying a load, going up the steep hill I live on and my driveway. Road bikes on the trails ride well over the 20mph limit on my bike. If limiting e-bikes access and you'll have to consider limiting the speed limit for everyone. I find the weekend warriors who ride for speed are a hazard on the trails, not the elderly who cruise under 20 mph on their e-bikes	2/28/2018 10:23 AM
187	I don't want the rec paths to become clogged with E-bikes which would cause disturbance to foot traffic and slower cyclists.	2/28/2018 10:09 AM
188	I support Class 1 e-bikes on the paved sections of the bike path in a single file line. businesses should be limited on e-bike rentals and follow guidelines as suggested by committee and regs.	2/28/2018 10:03 AM
189	I own a class I e-bike. I am 68 have arthritis in my knees and hands. Obviously, older bikers can have some physical limitations and the e-bikes keep them riding. The bike provides assistance on hills but only if I am peddling. I have a traditional road bike as well. Because my e-bike is heavier than my road bike, the speed is never faster than a the road bike. I find that road bikers will ride the trails at very high speed and their speed poses a much higher hazard than any e-bike I have observed. Jefferson County has just voted to allow e-bikes on trails.	2/28/2018 9:50 AM
190	Ebikes are allowed on the Glenwood Canyon paved trail and have, from our experience, created some serious issues. Most pedaled bicycle traffic climbing the canyon travels at a speed between 6 and 10 mph while we have seen ebikes travel at speeds approaching 20 mph. On a narrow trail with sharp and blind curves, this can (and has) lead to collisions between pedaled bicycles and ebicycles (my wife was hit head on by an ebiker who was passing a pedaled biker on a blind curve). Our paved trails in Summit County are already crowded to or beyond capacity on weekends with foot and pedaled bike traffic. Adding ebikes will make this situation even worse. We should not make a move that will significantly reduce the safety of our paved trails in Summit County.	2/28/2018 9:49 AM
191	I believe that e-bikes should be allowed on a trial basis, and if problems develop there should be an avenue to rescind the use of e-bikes. Class II e-bikes are more like motorcycles and do not belong on the rec-path.	2/28/2018 9:46 AM
192	Too many ebikes would be dangerous on the bike paths	2/28/2018 9:38 AM
193	There is a big speed disparity between eBikes and traditional bikes especially when climbing hills and this will drastically increase the risk of accidents. Traffic is at capacity on weekends and Adding eBikes to will reduce enjoyment for all.	2/28/2018 9:32 AM

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194	eBikes will open cycling on the Recreation Paths to a wider range of individuals who may not consider themselves in good enough shape to tackle hills or ride when conditions are windy. eBikes, particularly Class 1 bikes, are no more dangerous than conventional bikes when riders consistently exceed the posted speed limit and fail to exercise common cycling courtesies on the path. eBikes pose far less of a risk than the "dudes", riding their skateboards down the path on their backs with out helmets, while reaching speeds which far exceed the posted speed limit while weaving across the travel lane posing a significant safety risk to cyclists, runners and folks out for a walk. Allowing class one and 2a eBikes, with a limited speed on 20 mph on County recreation paths, would be a prudent move for the county and improve the depth of summer activities available to destination visitors.	2/28/2018 9:03 AM
195	Electric motor cycles top speeds are 28mph, not 20. Tourist riding uphill at 20-28mph passing cyclist into downhill traffic travelling 25mph is a recipe for disaster. There are already too many electric motor cycles utilizing the path. I suggest enforcing the existing ordinances with steep fines.	2/28/2018 8:47 AM
196	Aside from ADA riders, the riders who would be utilizing the e-bikes are generally unfit and inexperienced, otherwise they would use a regular bike. It would create faster speeds for people who aren't used to those speeds and present a greater opportunity for accidents.	2/28/2018 8:40 AM
197	Why permit an electric motor cycle which will mostly be utilized by unskilled non cycling tourist. There will be large groups travelling 15-20 mph uphill passing cyclist into on coming downhill traffic at 25mph. Permitting electric motor cycles on the path will set up all users for dangerous consequences.	2/28/2018 8:02 AM
198	We have a fairly large population of seniors in Summit County and allowing ebikes on the rec paths will allow them to get out and recreate more	2/28/2018 7:45 AM
199	If ebikes are allowed at all, it should only be class 1 and they should be required, as should all bikers, to let others know when passing.	2/27/2018 10:36 PM
200	It's thenonlybway older folks can enjoy All the Rec paths if they have some assistance.	2/27/2018 10:30 PM
201	Terrible idea The path already has a lot of inexperienced traffic and this will cause more accidents	2/27/2018 10:08 PM
202	Get bikes off Hoosier Pass!!! Bike path, ban them, it's too dangerous!!	2/27/2018 9:14 PM
203	E-bikes no matter the class do not provide any more inherent risk beyond that of regular pedal only bikes to other users of trails. In fact e-bike riders likely are less of a problem in general as most riders are older folks due to the cost of the bikes themselves. The bikes also come with a speedometer so e-bike riders are more likely than pedal only riders to obey a speed limit as they actually know how fast they are going.	2/27/2018 8:59 PM
204	Would be interested in other areas of the country which have differing policies on e-bikes and what benefits and concerns have been experienced. Thanks	2/27/2018 8:53 PM
205	I am 69 and have ridden throttle e-bikes for at least 4 years. Without an e-bike I would not be able to bike in the mountains. I have been on a couple tours and seen some incredible views!	2/27/2018 8:44 PM
206	We had an evoke riding family pass us last summer uphill and narrowly missed oncoming downhill riders. They were fortunate we saw what was happening and pulled way over avoiding a head on collision. We are very skilled strong riders, e-bike riders will not be. Do not change the ordinance but enforce it with consequences.	2/27/2018 8:21 PM

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207	<p>This is a SAFETY issue, pure and simple. There are 3 potential outcomes: 1. Recpath becomes safer with e-bikes. 2. Recpath safety is unchanged with e-bikes. 3. Recpath becomes less safe, more dangerous with e-bikes. Although I have not conducted a scientific study, my empirical observation tells me that it makes the recpath more dangerous. I Have encountered dozens of (illegal) e-bikes on the recpath and the common theme is that they are typically ridden by inexperienced riders and the speed magnifies their lack of experience. Whereas now on the recpath, you need be concerned only with inexperienced riders going DOWNHILL, now you will need to be concerned with inexperienced riders going both uphill and down. Also, I don't know where you get this Class 1, Class 2 definition, but all of the ebikes I am familiar with have a 28 mph top speed. See link to Specialized website: https://www.specialized.com/us/en/turbo-como-3-0-650b/p/133847?color=240279-133847. Most of their 15 e-bikes have a 28 mph top speed. So, even if you limit it to the Class 1 or Class 2, People riding 28 mph e-bikes will still bring their bikes and the casual observer will not be able to tell a difference. I know for a fact that there are people modifying those specialized bikes to go in excess of 30 mph. It is just a matter of time before someone on an e-bike kills someone on the recpath. It is bad enough with people riding them illegally. At least if they are riding them illegally and injure someone, they are exposed to substantial liability for breaking the law. But if you make them legal, it further reduces the motivation for responsible riding. I am a business owner who is a fan of the free-market system. But I know who is behind this, it is the bike shops. They know that they will rent more bikes and make more money. I think the solution is to go in the OPPOSITE direction and forbid bike shops from renting them, or if they do rent them, we need an ordinance that makes the bike shop liable for any damages that their electric bikes create. I will be in Breck in 2 weeks and am SOOO disappointed I am not able to attend the meeting tomorrow. In summary, no sane person can argue that the Recpath will be safer with e-bikes on the recpath. This will set a terrible precedent and if they are legal, how will Breck afford to settle the lawsuits from people injured from e-bikes. They will argue that the city KNOWINGLY made the Recpaths more dangerous. As a homeowner in Breck, I am not keen about my property taxes being raised to pay for (preventable) lawsuits. Again, how can you support an ordinance that will make the recpath more dangerous?!</p>	2/27/2018 8:20 PM
208	<p>This is a horrible idea probably being pushed by local bike shops. Ok, non skilled groups of tourist travelling 20mph uphill passing cyclist into oncoming cyclist. You may want to hire a few more attorneys as the injuries and or deaths inevitably will occur.</p>	2/27/2018 8:00 PM
209	<p>Will the rec path be safer or more dangerous with non skilled tourist passing skilled cyclist uphill into oncoming downhill traffic? No, people will get injured or killed, do not change the ordinance.</p>	2/27/2018 7:49 PM
210	<p>Tourist passing cyclist uphill at 20mph while cyclist are travelling downhill at 25mph, an obvious situation for major accidents. If you change this ordinance and any of my family members are injured, I will sue everyone who allowed this obvious safety hazard.</p>	2/27/2018 7:44 PM
211	<p>Many, like myself, with health issues find the only way to ride a bicycle and enjoy the amazing rec path is to use an E bike.</p>	2/27/2018 7:19 PM
212	<p>Not sure previous comments were fully included... for many; ebikes are the only way to access the very hilly portions of the recpath. They are actually much safer than some of the other uses of the recpath, for example: baby strollers, persons walking dogs, large family groups that are inexperienced with bicycles, and young children learning to ride a bike.</p>	2/27/2018 7:18 PM
213	<p>I would allow all ebikes but impose a speed limit which is valid for regular bikes and ebikes alike. Class one and class two ebikes top out way lower than a normal bicycle can ride and only have an advantage uphill, not on flats or downhills</p>	2/27/2018 7:06 PM

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214	E bikes are a slippery slope. Where do you draw the line. Why is it ok for a person to ride an e bike at 28 mph but it is not ok for a person to ride a gasoline scooter on the recapth if it has a 28 mph limit? And if a scooter is ok, why not a dirt bike motorcycle? And if a dirt bike is ok, why not a big Harley motorcycle. My biggest issue with E bikes on the recpath is safety. The paths are dangerous enough when people who have not been on a bike in years come barreling down the path, out of control. But then you throw that same person on an e bike and they are more out of control on flats and uphill. At least with a regular bike their lack of fitness prevents them from unsafe speeds on flats and uphill. I have witnessed this first hand. They are DANGEROUS because of the potential speed differential between e bikes and regular bikes. If this is such a great idea, why aren't the ski resorts allowing "e-skis" and "e-boards for the same reason. This way people won't have to work so hard when skiing. I predict if you allow e-bikes, it is only a matter of time before an out of control e-bike kills someone. I know if a family member of mine was killed by an e-bike Roder who was riding legally on the Rex path, I would sue every town in summit county for negligence. Let me put it to you this way, do you think there is any chance e-bikes can INCREASE safety on the rec path? I say no way, they can only decrease safety. I say turn up the power on e-bikes so that they can go 40 mph, license them, and let people go ride with all of the other motorized vehicles on the ROAD. If nothing else, look at it this way, at least when the first e-bike kills someone and the family starts looking for Blame, wouldn't you rather be in the side of the issue where you did NOT encourage this unsafe behavior?! I would feel differently if all an electric bike did was help someone ride uphill at 4 mph instead of pushing their bike. But even that approach would still get abused and people would just find faster bikes, since they already exist. Sorry for typos, on iPhone.	2/27/2018 6:56 PM
215	There will be head on collisions as they pass cyclist. All cyclist with proper skills, would never ride an e-bike leaving non skilled riders passing creating a huge amount of accidents.	2/27/2018 6:51 PM
216	Tourist will travel to fast without proper cycling knowledge. As they pass to the left they don't understand downhill cyclist are travelling up to 25mph. There will be head on collisions, please do not allow motor cycles of any type on our path.	2/27/2018 6:46 PM
217	As tourist without proper cycling skills pass cyclist, they do not understand downhill riders are travelling 25mph and will not allow enough time to pass creating head on collisions.	2/27/2018 6:40 PM
218	Tourist without road cycling skills will create a horrendous safety hazard. They are motor cycles, not bicycles.	2/27/2018 6:36 PM
219	The paths are already dangerously overcrowded, particularly on weekends. Ebikes would increase the congestion and danger, and make the paths less useful and enjoyable for traditional users.	2/27/2018 6:30 PM
220	E-bikes will encourage tourist without cycling knowledge to ride and pass cyclist. As they pass to the left into oncoming downhill cyclist, this will create an extremely dangerous safety hazard. Do NOT allow ANY motorized bikes to utilize the rec path. This will create a recipe for disaster.	2/27/2018 6:23 PM
221	Some of the recreation paths are very crowded on the weekends, with people of all ages and varying activities. I worry about the addition of e-bikes.	2/27/2018 6:10 PM
222	I think that since the rec path is quite hilly the use of ebikes will enable more people to safely use the path. They are legal for use in Colorado so I believe they should be legal in Summit County.	2/27/2018 5:38 PM
223	I have an e-bike and never go as fast downhill as regular bikes and skateboarders who have NO brakes whatsoever	2/27/2018 5:28 PM
224	People who use electric assist bicycles are not engaged in the act of cycling. Therefore they are not as aware of their surroundings and other people using the path. Allowing E bikes would further congest the trails and allow people without any cycling skills or knowledge of cycling etiquette posse a safety risk for everyone else on the trail.	2/27/2018 5:19 PM
225	Most Ebikes require you to pedal to move and offer only power assist, this helps the older generation to still enjoy biking as not everyone is a hardcore biker.	2/27/2018 5:14 PM
226	As a founder of the International Bicycling Association IMBA and the president of RIDE (Recreation for Individuals Dedicated to the Environment I believe that a bicycles do not belong on Summit County paths. These paths are for exercise not for motorized use. By allowing them on our pristine paths, I believe that will enable overcrowd these paths and because of their speed, they are dangerous.	2/27/2018 5:07 PM
227	Don't allow them and especially do not allow local shops to rent them for use on the bike path. Keep Summit County natural and fitness oriented.	2/27/2018 5:05 PM

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228	I have never ridden an e-bike. I have a lot of money already invested in my own nice road bikes and mtn bikes. But class 1 e-bikes are an OK additon to the cycling scene. e.g. e-bikes can help with transport bike (load carrying) commuting and they can be another piece in the puzzle of getting people out of their cars and onto green modes of transportation. FYI, the Dutch allow e-bikes on the cycling roads in Amsterdam, and the e-bikes have been adopted by elderly Dutch citizens and tourists.	2/27/2018 4:55 PM
229	I am 67 years old and my class 1 e-bike allows me to enjoy riding the rec path. Many riders, perhaps most, still ride at faster rates of speed than I. The important factors are caution and consideration.	2/27/2018 4:50 PM
230	I see no logical reason to prevent e-bikes from sharing the same paths as a regular bike. Just because you don't pedal as much does not mean they should be considered like motorcycles.	2/27/2018 4:43 PM
231	I am at a point in my life that I am considering use of an ebike. As a former full time resident of Summit County I am on constant awareness of skateboarders who often are quite reckless (especially coming to Frisco from Copper). Safety is my primary concern irregardless of what method of transport people utilize!	2/27/2018 4:41 PM
232	I've had lung cancer, and have trouble with the hills, but I* can ride on yhe flats	2/27/2018 4:04 PM
233	The path system in a sanctuary where we invest time to be fit and healthy. Any motorize vehicle, even with the best of intentions will bring a more aggressive mentality to the trails. Where is the reward if you don't put in the work? This is just about more revenue for the town and the bike shops. This is not about quality of life. We have already witnesses this behavior from people riding from Vail Pass to the summit on their e bikes. Add to this the now dangerous practice to bring people with no business getting on a bike to the summit of Vail pass so they can ride at high speed downhill to Vail and Frisco. Sorry but I am a believer that you must earn the right to be on a bike path with your sweat.	2/27/2018 3:42 PM
234	I am over 71 years old with a bad hip, and can't ride a non e-bike very easily.	2/27/2018 3:41 PM
235	e bikes go too fast and will create a hazard. People who are not proficient on a bicycle will believe they can zoom around.	2/27/2018 3:39 PM
236	I would strongly encourage any rental shops to implement safety training to anyone who rents e-bikes.	2/27/2018 3:39 PM
237	More tourists on e-bikes on the bike path and in the towns will mean more serious accidents and injuries. They are banned in others places around the world for a reason.	2/27/2018 3:39 PM
238	I take my dog on recpaths. I am currently terrorized by high speed bike riders who treat them as raceways. High speed bike riders are typically going about 15 mph. Why make a currently bad situation much worse?	2/27/2018 1:39 PM
239	Ebikes should not be restrained. I always slow down when I near a person, animal, or child, to allow for their safety.	2/27/2018 1:24 PM
240	I think those who live in the County and own e-bikes should be allowed to ride them wherever. As I mentioned previously, allowing them to be rented could result in a lot of people who really don't know what they're doing, getting into trouble. Already, it's dangerous to go out on a bike ride during the summer - unless it's not a weekend. I'll come around corners to people trying to turn around without getting off their bike or a whole family blocking the path on their bikes. It makes it frustrating to ride for those of us who live here, since we're having to dodge people unfamiliar with bike etiquette or where the path goes. I've also come across several people who had rented bikes and under-estimated the difficulty of the bike path - needing to find a way to take Summit Stage back to where they had started from. I worry an e-bike would allow them to get further afield and have troubles getting home.	2/27/2018 1:18 PM
241	Lets keep Summit County as pure as we can. No use of fossil fuels on the recpaths. Whether the energy is stored in a battery or burned by the device, it has no place on a recpath. They should be for people propelling themselves with their bodies.	2/27/2018 1:06 PM
242	I have seen them on the rec path already! They go very fast. The rec path should be for human powered use only.	2/27/2018 12:58 PM
243	I think e-bikes will increase utilization of the path system which is a great thing. I want less cars on the road and better opportunities for people to both commute and recreate on the path. However, if e-bikes are allowed the system MUST be better supervised and patrolled. I agree with the opposition that the path is at times completely out of control already, so public needs assistance to get all users to play nice together.	2/27/2018 12:17 PM

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244	I firmly support motorized use on the recpath by truly handicapped people. But we also need to think about all those people who are "emotionally handicapped" and are taking their pets everywhere. Are these folks going to say they need to be permitted to ride an e-bike on the recpath? And possibly with their dogs along? The more lenient the rules, the more people will push them.	2/27/2018 12:12 PM
245	E-bikes would be on dangerous roads for the rider and the drivers of vehicles. Rec path is safer for e-bike users. Rec path is a bit of a hazardous mess, but an e-bike on the road is more hazardous. Perhaps we should be patrolling the rec path more.	2/27/2018 12:11 PM
246	After being a summer resident for 11 years, I know there is no enforcement of safety rules on the path. So, we will probably get ebikes anyhow. Still, if they are not "allowed", there should be fewer of them.	2/27/2018 12:06 PM
247	Simply not necessary. They can use the streets. And if merchants want the added money, then they need to share their benefit with me, as it will be at my expense.	2/27/2018 11:41 AM
248	It's more about safety than convenience. Require a license plate for recpath e-bikes. A safety test could be given in order to get the license plate. Also, limit the power and speed for the ebikes	2/27/2018 11:01 AM
249	The recreation path is already too crowded and has gotten worse with companies that are dropping off inexperienced riders to ride down vail pass. I ride the bike path often to vail and back from frisco and it has become hazardous with the amount of inexperienced riders riding downhill.	2/27/2018 10:55 AM
250	There's a big difference between what used to be called "mopeds" and e-bikes. We've been cycling in European countries where they are used extensively with no problems. At the very least, we should allow Class 1 (pedaling required) bikes.	2/27/2018 10:20 AM
251	I think we should focus on making the rec path safer for everyone rather than banning anyone from enjoying it. I live in Frisco and would like to see a slow zone between Miner's Creek and Woodbridge. Bikers complain about dogs and pedestrians, but I feel like the bikers are a hazard when they blow through the residential areas. I would also prefer that ebikes stay on the bike path rather than force them onto our roads & highways!	2/27/2018 10:08 AM
252	Some people may have health conditions and being able to use an e-bike is a way to still get outside	2/27/2018 10:03 AM
253	We need to allow these class I&II but promote safe rules and regs. to keep it safe out there.	2/27/2018 10:01 AM
254	Is there an age limit to rent an e bike?	2/27/2018 9:54 AM
255	the sins of a few: some folks may use e-bikes in a responsible manner, some will not. The pathways are are ady over crowded on the weekend. Will the county the assume the liability, incur and pay for extra costs of enforcement, emergency response and management of this next attempt to be everything to everybody all of the time? Is the added revenue worth the costs incurred? Why not become better at what we are already really good at and not take on another questionable venue to attract more people to thos community?	2/27/2018 9:46 AM
256	Ebikes give access to the outdoors to people who otherwise may not get out. I don't like horses on the Wilderness trails but they do the same thing, allowing those unable to hike to see the beauty of our area. We most certainly do not want Ebikes on our roads!	2/27/2018 9:45 AM
257	I saw a couple of older folks (and I am old too), on Swan Mountain on their e bikes - SCARY!! They didn't know what they were doing - thought for sure they were going to have a wreck??	2/27/2018 9:41 AM
258	I really feel it will make the bike path far more dangerous by over crowding and people who don't care and aren't aware of bike safety and bike etiquette. I use the path not only for recreation but also for transportation and really feel this will make the path more hazardous, as stated before	2/27/2018 9:34 AM
259	I have successfully seen The Netherlands implement electric bikes on their even more extensive rec path system and they allow Class 1 & 2 and motor scooters. Long term I think we need to add Class 2 but lets take it in stages.	2/27/2018 9:31 AM
260	E-bikes are fun and it gives folks who might not otherwise get out an opportunity to enjoy biking. However our rec path is not wide enough to accommodate the added traffic. We've seen how quickly things grow around and flourish in our county. As much as I would love to see people commuting by e bikes, I don't feel our paths are big enough to handle it. I'm an avid biker and already avoid the paths on the weekends.	2/27/2018 9:27 AM
261	Rec path is dangerous enough during peak use times. E bikes would amplify the danger.	2/27/2018 9:15 AM

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262	Class I and II e-bikes should be treated like any other bike on paved trails. For us older riders, the additional assist on longer rides and hills allows me to continue riding and exercising when I could not on a regular bike. I have also noted road bikes that have frequently passed me, going much faster than the 20 mph that e-bikes max out in the assisted mode. If there is a speed limit, it should be enforced for all, not a specific type of bike. I do not think that a bike rider should be discriminated against by the type bike he rides, but speed should be a discriminatory factor, limit enforce for all. I do not recall seeing speed limit signs on most of the trails.	2/27/2018 9:15 AM
263	I am glad this is only for paved trails. I own an e-bike, but I do not think they should be allowed on dirt / unimproved trails due to their potential of tearing up the more delicate surface.	2/27/2018 9:05 AM
264	The difference in speed is a safety hazard. Visitors may not understand restricted areas. Hard to enforce. Witnessed a family last year with a child on back of e-bike, going 2-3 times faster than pedaled bikes (@ Gold Hill TH). They didn't know how to stop their bikes, were dragging feet ala Flintstone style to brake. A collision with these heavier high speed bikes would have serious consequences.	2/27/2018 9:01 AM
265	Any ebikes should go on the roads with other motorized vehicles - not on the rec bike path.	2/27/2018 8:59 AM
266	I would like more information on how e-bike use regulations will be shared and then monitored with all rec path users and businesses who rent e-bikes,	2/27/2018 8:50 AM
267	I'd say ebike users are safer and allow more of us to enjoy the outdoors and travel to local events throughout the county instead of having to be stuck in a bus or have to drive and find parking. Also believe ebiking can be safer than some of the high speed militant road bikers that blaze along the bike path. Both can exist and do in most places we travel to. I road bike to work out and use my ebikes to commute around the county. Love it and it is getting more popular without a doubt.	2/27/2018 8:44 AM
268	As long as there is a maximum speed limit they should be allowed. The argument that they go too fast is moot when you see road bikes flying down the bike path.	2/27/2018 8:36 AM
269	Stupid tourists will crash and burn!	2/27/2018 8:25 AM
270	I am a fit 70 year old but am contemplating an e mountain bike for riding on jeep and forest service roads. I likely wouldn't use it on the Summit rec path but want you to consider a lot of us are getting older and like having a little assistance when necessary to continue enjoying life outdoors. The problem, as with everything, comes when people abuse the privilege.	2/27/2018 8:11 AM
271	Class 1 e-bikes perform very similarly to regular bikes, with the exception that they allow folks who might otherwise not be able to ride to enjoy the benefits of physical activities, in the outdoors, with their more able friends.	2/27/2018 7:17 AM
272	I lived in Summit County for 17 years and am a member of Summit Biking and a former board member. Only moved to Denver because of altitude related issues. I was a part of the team which helped build the Rec Path and was instrumental in naming it for Bob Guthrie. E bikes are fine up to 20 mph and for assistance with pedaling for those unable to ride the path otherwise I am not in favor of motorcycles or other e-bikes which would be a safety hazard.	2/27/2018 1:44 AM
273	Ebikes are a great way for tourists to enjoy bike riding in Summit County, I ran into a number of ebike renters last July, all riders who would have been restricted to the flatter paths or maybe not riding w/o the electrical assist.	2/27/2018 1:36 AM
274	Colorado state law defines both class I and class II as bicycles. Other counties and land management groups are following state law	2/27/2018 1:13 AM

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275	Because of the terrain on Summit county bike paths, there is a large speed disparity between uphill and downhill riders. e-bike riders going up hill will be moving faster than conventional bike riders and passing them. More passing leads to more risk of collision with down hill riders also moving at higher speeds. Both riders now have less time to react, that leads to more and potentially serious accidents with injuries. In addition, more passing of the type described above puts the pedestrians facing on coming bike traffic at more risk. I ride the paths from Breck to Frisco, around the lake, and up to Vail several times a week in the summer. There are a lot of inexperienced riders on the bike path and not all have good control of their bikes. I frequently see near misses and occasional accidents due to out of control riders. On an e-bike, these same riders will be moving that much faster. This higher riding speed will greatly increase the risk profile. I also believe you enter a slippery slope opening the rec path to motorized vehicle. Once you permit a e-bike usage then how can you fairly deny other vehicles such as trikes, 4 wheelers that may be electric or ICE that have the same power and speed limitations as the e-bikes. Let the e-bikes use the the bike lanes on the city streets and road shoulders, but keep them off the recreation path for their safety, the safety of the conventional bicycle riders and the pedestrians and their pets. I do agree with your ADA exception. These folks need our support and the numbers are so low as to not add risk to other path users.	2/27/2018 12:00 AM
276	As long as speed limits are enforced, there is no difference between ebikes and pedal bikes, except us older riders can keep up with our kids.	2/26/2018 11:48 PM
277	Ebikes inclusion will increase the path usage. Typical speed and courtesy rules should be enough to remove those riders who endanger or degrade the joy of riding the Recreational Pathway System.	2/26/2018 11:43 PM
278	There's plenty of other exercises you can practice if pedaling is too strenuous for someone at altitude...	2/26/2018 11:39 PM
279	My 70+ Year old father has been forced to ride an e-bike due to health issues. I would hate for him to have to ride on streets instead of the paths made for bikes... this is so much safer! Please consider allowing Ebikes on the pathway system.	2/26/2018 11:05 PM
280	My e-bike is the only way that I can enjoy outdoor recreation due to limited mobility and multiple handicaps. I ride responsibly, slowly and carefully and would never represent a hazard to any other bicyclist or pedestrian.	2/26/2018 11:00 PM
281	If e-bikes are allowed on rec paths there needs to be a hefty fine for riding on unpaved trails. As a local I have already seen e-bikes on unpaved trails.	2/26/2018 11:00 PM
282	Ebikes are simply another mode of transportation that should not be discriminated against which is exactly what restrictions are. We have all paid for this bike access which until now is just enjoyed by regular bikes. This is a lawsuit waiting to happen that can be avoided by equal access and equality.	2/26/2018 10:58 PM
283	Well for one put speed limits Signs in place for ebikes. One for 20mph and 10mph nears playground or public rest stops.	2/26/2018 10:52 PM
284	The paths are already busy with human powered bikes if e bikes are allowed it will be way to crowded and unsafe	2/26/2018 10:41 PM
285	Should only be allowed for disabled and seniors over 75 yrs	2/26/2018 10:33 PM
286	An aging population is assisted in maintaining their health through e bikes which keep them active and able to enjoy the challenges of riding at altitude.	2/26/2018 10:32 PM
287	Get people out there excersizing that only an ebike can help them do that!	2/26/2018 10:31 PM
288	Next will be go peds and scooters not good for pedestrians or the environment	2/26/2018 9:58 PM
289	The personal electric vehicle revolution is here. It is only going to grow exponentially and for low powerd slow speed vehicles it only makes sense that they share space with mechanical vehicles of like size and speeds. Thanks	2/26/2018 9:47 PM
290	The technologies (motors, batteries) will evolve; if you allow the current technology now, you won't be able to stop it when it gets way out of control later. Again, you don't enforce the existing regulations - how would you enforce violations of speed with e-bikes, e-motorcycles, etc. in a few years' time?	2/26/2018 9:20 PM

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291	The rec path is for some type of outdoor exercise. Walking, running, bicycling. An e-bike certainly appears to not be a form of exercise. There are already walkers, families, bicyclists who are not paying attention. Add to this list a motorized vehicle. And that is the main point. An e-bike is a motorized vehicle and rules should not be changed to allow any motorized vehicle on a path was intended and is only for vehicles that are not motorized.	2/26/2018 9:13 PM
292	people who need an ebike should probably join the gym and get in shape before causing trouble on the paths	2/26/2018 9:12 PM
293	Bad idea!!!!!!	2/26/2018 9:08 PM
294	let's stick to the original rule of no motorized vehicles. It is bad enough that companies drop off inexperienced people at the top of Vail pass. Trust me, I have encountered a girl with FLIP FLOPS and two times an ambulance having to go up on the path; people are often not smart	2/26/2018 9:07 PM
295	This is not a city area, the mountains are a healthy way to get out and experience the area. I am in the health field and already see to many elderly problems with over doing it in the area along with visitors not acclimated to the altitude. Along with that we already have to many on the rec path with the shuttles of bikers doing there down hill from Vail down to Frisco. Also anything that is going to add more of a up hill speed will also add the the injury of two colliding. I have seen to many bike path injures in the summer to have government add more use. You do not manage the injury base or think of that or the safety for the users. Its already being compromised with the extra traffic. We all can live with growth and more visitors, you need to ask yourselves what is the reason, is it simply because other area are doing it? Is it financial? Is it to make assess for thous who would not others wise use the path, like a black diamond slope most people know they can or can not go down it. Food for though..... Good luck and make well informed decisions be better the out county's government, local government needs to think locally..	2/26/2018 9:05 PM
296	I'm all for accessibility to outdoor recreation but the addition of yet another mode of transportation on our already crowded rec paths is a recipe for disaster unless capacity / infrastructure is significantly improved or there are clearly designated e-bike lanes that keep pedestrians and bikes at safer distances from each other.	2/26/2018 8:43 PM
297	Let's have people with disabilities have the ability to use our bike paths. The crazies being reckless can be cited and limited because they jeopardize the ability of responsible e-bike users being on the path.	2/26/2018 8:17 PM
298	Let's all be kind and courteous, share the rec path and enjoy every minute of being outdoors in summit county (and bonus for not causing more pollution!	2/26/2018 7:48 PM
299	I love them	2/26/2018 7:43 PM
300	Careless riders are the greatest safety hazard on the trails. when ridden responsibly class I and II ebikes are as safe as any unpower assisted bike. Ebikes give access to riders who might otherwise not be able to use the trail...Thanks	2/26/2018 7:33 PM
301	eBikes are great and should be allowed to anywhere a regular bike can go. Most eBikes cannot travel faster than some of the competition racing road conventional bikers I see on the bike path that pose an equal or greater hazard to pedestrians. If we aim to outlaw eBikes then it should be based on a speed limit to include conventional bikes too.	2/26/2018 7:18 PM
302	I want to continue to enjoy all recreational trails, but, due to knee injuries I am unable to do it without the electric assist.	2/26/2018 7:14 PM
303	Time to embrace the future. Every e bike on the path is a vehical off the streets. I'd visit more if I coul bring my e-bike bike.	2/26/2018 7:14 PM
304	living in Farmers Corner we see daily failures of individuals or groups of tourists to heed the stop signs, block pathways and ride out of control. E bikes will add a dangerous speed component as well. Young children riding bicycles with families will be especially at risk when overtaken by E bikes at 20 mph. Anyone who thinks that a speed limit would be observed is deluding themselves. Chances are likely that cannabis will be involved. E bikes are motorized vehicles...motorized vehicles do not belong on a recreational path.	2/26/2018 7:13 PM

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305	I'm fine with giving e-bike folks access to paved rec pathway system as long as it is only for class 1 pedal assist. Class 2 e-bikes shouldn't be allowed as risk presents itself of folks getting up to a pretty decent speed of 20 mph without any pedal effort and riding long distances at this rate blowing by 'regular' cyclists who are probably going slower under their own power (i.e. without power assistance from motor). I feel this is a fair compromise to allow all folks to enjoy the paved paths with the base expectation that folks need to at least generate their own pedaling power. Otherwise folks who insist on class 2 e-bikes should ride elsewhere. Thanks for giving me the opportunity to provide feedback as I'm a lover of the paved bike paths !	2/26/2018 6:55 PM
306	Our rec paths are recreational only and very seldom used for commuting. We have many areas (including roads) that are open to motorized recreational use.	2/26/2018 6:45 PM
307	I used to love to bike on the rec path but at 74 and 2 heart attacks i can no longer manage it. With an ebike I believe I could enjoy it again. Prohibiting ebike is discrimination against senior citizens and the disabled	2/26/2018 6:45 PM
308	Do the right thing. Let e-bikes on the path. Thanks.	2/26/2018 6:39 PM
309	Rec Paths are already overcrowded, adding speed and uphill access to non athletic people will only make them more unsafe. Vail Pass is a joke now that companies have shuttle services taking people up the pass to try and navigate down. No No No !! Rec paths should be used for exercise not for motor powered anything, isn't our country obese enough?	2/26/2018 6:35 PM
310	Ebikes have a limited power supply. Users conserve power and mostly pedal with assistance. We don't go crazy fast and we don't damage the trails. People in charge should consider renting an ebike and put 20 miles on one, then they will understand. This isn't like adding another user to the system. The e bike is NO different than a traditional bike. The electronic system is simply adding a different type of gear set to make the pedaling easier...just the same as a traditional bike lowers the gear for uphill, the e bike raises the assist level. Ebikes need to be treated like any bike. Ebikes are allowing people who can't ride traditional bikes the opportunity to get out and enjoy riding again. Please allow class 1,2 ebikes on the wide trails and paths.	2/26/2018 6:12 PM
311	bike paths should be accessible to all who would like to use them. as we get older or develop physical issues it becomes important to be able to rely on technology so we may still enjoy the outdoor just as much as the healthy. I think it could become an ADA issue. E-Bikes are less dangerous then the out of control speedsters on their high speed road bikes or tricked out mountain bikes. Thank You.	2/26/2018 6:06 PM
312	Class 1&2 E Bikes should be allowed but have a speed limit of 20mph. High powered E Bikes capable of higher speeds are dangerous on a bike path. As a class 2 rider I feel the ultra high power bikes in general are what it going to ruin it for the rest of us.	2/26/2018 6:05 PM
313	I'm a disabled vet. I can no longer use a bicycle correctly or run. My ebike allows me to get out with my family and be active again. The people that object to them don't understand them. They are not motorcycles when following the laws. Normal bicyclists in shape can go faster than the ebike limited. Ebikes do not disturb the environment any different than a normal bicycle	2/26/2018 6:04 PM
314	I have found that regular bikes go a lot faster than I do a lot of the time. I try to use my bike as often as possible and the only time I have ever used full throttle is when I am going up hill with a load of groceries. At my age I want to be able to use my bike as much as possible so the assist is much appreciated. Lastly, I think these bikes are becoming more and more popular and I would hate to see riders restricted as to where they can ride.	2/26/2018 6:03 PM
315	The only reason I've heard for not allowing e-bikes on the rec path is traditional cyclists need to protect their Strava record and not have to compete against power assisted riders. I think all should be entitled to ride a bike the way they choose.	2/26/2018 6:02 PM
316	Class 1 and 2 ebikes are just like regular bikes. For the most part, they go the same speed as regular bikes. More weight is an equalizer for the small motor. Whereas they may weigh a little more than a regular bike, should we really be coming concerned with a heavier rider on a normal bike? Of course not. It is a very efficient, equalizing means of green transportation that we should be heavily encouraging.	2/26/2018 6:01 PM
317	e-bikes are still a bicycle. Many non-e-bike riders are irresponsible. It's the rider, not the bike! I'm 74 and the assist an e-bike provides allows me to enjoy your trails.	2/26/2018 5:59 PM
318	Having tried e-bikes, I don't understand why they wouldn't be legal.	2/26/2018 5:56 PM
319	These are a great green way to commute. It also takes vehicles off the roads.	2/26/2018 5:54 PM

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320	When I first encountered an ebike I was skeptical given I'm a traditionalist road biker that was biased against anything other than a traditional bike. After riding one of a friends on a few occasions, and having my father ride one, I have to say I am a true supporter. The health, accessibility, and commuter benefits are worth allowing them on our rec path systems. I appreciate the opportunity to support the usage of bikes on our rec paths.	2/26/2018 5:54 PM
321	E-bikes provide help for senior citizens who have enjoyed cycling but have more difficulty with inclines because of age.	2/26/2018 5:53 PM
322	Breck is very congested, e bikes are just like regular bikes. This might help with the crowds on the road. More people should use e bikes to get around!	2/26/2018 5:51 PM
323	Used responsibly I believe they would enable many more people to visit and get to enjoy the pathways....	2/26/2018 5:50 PM
324	I am definitely in support in allowing ebikes on all sections of the summit county bike paths	2/26/2018 5:49 PM
325	In addition to allowing riders from all walks of life to access the trail, they are pollution free, and can allow park personnel (rangers, clean up staff) to provide a more rapid response to a situation.	2/26/2018 5:49 PM
326	E bikes might pose a danger to not motorized rec path users especially if commercial operators start renting out bikes to tourists who are unfamiliar with out rec path system. However, they might also be popular with commuters and relieve some congestion on our main roads. I would only like to see them on sections of the path that would provide an alternative route to busy highways (i-70, HWY-9 etc...) For instance, I would be in favor of using them around Farmer's Korner to Breck to avoid HWY-9 traffic. I would also be in favor of allowing them to use the rec path portion of the dam, but should stick to the Dam road the rest of the time when traveling from Frisco to Dillon. My biggest concern is that allowing E-bikes would end up putting a lot of inexperienced riders on the rec path through rental companies. However, I would like to see serious commuters have the option of using the rec path to avoid the highways.	2/26/2018 5:48 PM
327	Ebikes are another segue (no pun intended) to a sedentary lifestyle. If you're healthy, pedal the bike with human power. If you have a physical or medical condition requiring e-assst, that's fine. Otherwise, human power should be de rigueur.	2/26/2018 5:37 PM
328	Allow them on our pathway system! I am not the most in shape person at the beginning of bike season so it would be great to have. I would not want to be riding on the street if I owned one. That is not where bikes go all the time..	2/26/2018 5:36 PM
329	Please keep ebikes on the roads. Better to "test" their use on the road where the laws are clear for both vehicles and cyclists than to introduce them prematurely to the reccpath and then have to change that rule due to accidents. Motorized vehicles -- electric or not -- belong on the road.	2/26/2018 5:36 PM
330	All bicycles must be used on the rec path with good judgement. I have seen spandex-clad, young road bikers whiz past walkers (me) on the rec path doing at least 40 mph yet, despite such dangerous recklessness, there are no calls to ban road bikes (or mountain bikes) from the rec path. Speaking personally, an ebike is my last chance to remain active as a cyclist. After trying out rentals last summer, I had intended to purchase an ebike this spring because I love cycling. As a full-time resident of Summit County, I sincerely hope that the use of ebikes will be permitted on the Summit County Rec Path.	2/26/2018 5:36 PM
331	I decided to ride my e-bike on the road instead of the bike path a couple of times last summer on Swan Mountain Road. Not the part with the bike lane but up from Summit Cove. I wish that I had drone footage to show you how dangerous it was with cars passing me around curves in no passing zones shouting profanities and instructing me to ride on the bike path. I wonder who would die if another car came around the bend at the wrong time. The rec path is there for pedestrian/biker safety, let's apply it for all.	2/26/2018 5:32 PM
332	Our paths are too crowded already with riders who do not ride a lot or know the rules of the road (especially the downhill riders on Vail Pass and from Breck to Frisco). To add more riders without substantial improvements and expansion of the current paths will make them even more dangerous.	2/26/2018 5:32 PM
333	waste of money	2/26/2018 5:28 PM
334	Ebikes aren't going away. Their popularity is increasing.	2/26/2018 5:28 PM
335	E-bikes are a godsend for older citizens and those with disabilities. It allows them mobility they have not had for years. There should be a speed limit on Recreational Paths of 20mph that should apply to all bikes of any kind.	2/26/2018 5:17 PM

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336	I think we live in an extreme environment that everyone should be able to enjoy. The bike path is already over run by companies dropping off tourists at the top of Vail Pass who many times to not possess the skill to be riding on that section of the bike path. E-bikes will just encourage more traffic without needing any skill. Also no way of regulating	2/26/2018 5:14 PM
337	Please consider a pilot on limited basis if the county is thinking about allowing this	2/26/2018 5:11 PM
338	Summit County senior population is growing and under-served (several recent articles in the Summit Daily). Anything we can do to make outdoor activities more accessible is good. Seniors like myself would use the rec paths more if motor-assist were available.	2/26/2018 4:48 PM
339	I use my ebike with my 2 year old son to avoid using the SUV. I ride a cargo bike and i am never all that quick, but it does allow me to bike to places we would otherwise drive.	2/26/2018 4:40 PM
340	I think E-bikes should be legal for use by elderly or disabled on the rec paths, but I think that is already the case. If shops rent e-bikes to visitors/families, our rec paths will become dangerous to all like the effect commercial rentals have had on Vail Pass. If allowed at all, I would only like to see only Class 1 allowed.	2/26/2018 4:26 PM
341	Police Officers have expressed a desire to use E bikes for summer patrols. E bikes are the future and promote more biking and less driving which requires less parking. From a safety standpoint, you wouldn't want the additional liability of forcing a certain type of bike on to the highways in Summit County. Class 1 E bikes should be allowed to go anywhere, you can't determine if the Electric assist is active or not, I could be peddling just like any regular bike. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important issue.	2/26/2018 4:15 PM
342	I'm 68 ,riding an eBike for older folks gets us out to in joy things of our youth ,ride one you'll know this ...	2/26/2018 4:08 PM
343	Only people with severe physical disabilities should be allowed to use an e-bike on the path. Allow people the ability to go farther on the path without the required fitness presents a problem to our emergency resources. The high country is not a place for everyone. It's a reality that we must face. Once you allow e-bikes you are stuck with it.	2/26/2018 4:04 PM
344	Works for older or handicap people who should not be on the roads	2/26/2018 3:59 PM
345	if our paths were wider, more like in leadville, then it might be considered.	2/26/2018 3:39 PM
346	Recreational pathway should be for exercise only. It is already way too crowded, and too dangerous for families with young kids. Please don't make it any worse for all of the Denver people and everyone else coming up you're clogging up our trails.	2/26/2018 3:29 PM
347	Make e-bikes legal on the paths. They are bicycles!!!!!! See previous comment.	2/26/2018 3:21 PM
348	Thanks for taking public comment on this. Those who are opposed to assist bikes are generally not those who use them. They think we are somehow "cheating". We are cheating an early death from lack of activity!	2/26/2018 3:13 PM
349	Ebikes are a great way for people that normally don't ride bikes because of age, health issues, physical condition, etc. to get outside and get exercise and improve their health.	2/26/2018 2:52 PM
350	E-bikes should be allowed on the Rec path. They can only go 20 mph anyway and are too heavy to pedal beyond that. They are much safer than the street racing bikes which people ride well over 20mph and they are silent. I don't see a negative with them. We should be encouraging more people to be outside anyway they can.	2/26/2018 2:36 PM
351	E-bikes are a great way to allow access for people who are not as physically fit, and these people should be allowed to enjoy the beauty that is Summit County	2/26/2018 2:28 PM
352	I worry that Class 2-type e-bikes might encourage a dangerous level of speeding, particularly because the software for the speed regulator (the 20 mph max) can be adjusted fairly easily, apparently. I don't think Class 1-type bikes potentially lend themselves to reckless speeding, certainly no worse than the cyclists who currently race too fast along blind curves on the bike path. And I think that outlawing Class 1-type e-bikes deprives the elderly resident population of Summit County of the opportunity to take advantage of the bike paths.	2/26/2018 2:28 PM
353	Please no E bikes. People already use them and it is super annoying to us that use it for what it is intended.. walking/running/biking the natural way. It is mostly old people too who are grumpy to begin with. Thumbs DOWN on this one.	2/26/2018 2:24 PM
354	Ebikes are the future, I see no reason they should be banned on any surface, I ride everyday in Sacramento Ca.	2/26/2018 2:02 PM

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355	E bikes would allow more people the ability to ride that may not have the physical ability otherwise. They also make it easier to go faster but also ride uphill easier. I think you will need to decide the reason you have bike paths in the first place. If it is to get more people outside to enjoy life then allowing e bikes would be a good thing.	2/26/2018 2:00 PM
356	The trails are already overcrowded on the weekends by tourists, we don't need them recklessly driving e bikes at full speed endangering others too.	2/26/2018 1:50 PM
357	E-bikes allow less fit and disabled people to enjoy biking. They should be allowed everywhere.	2/26/2018 1:39 PM
358	Any bicyclist regardless of how it is powered, is dangerous if they don't ride safely on the path. Long Board skateboards are more dangerous than bikes, yet no one is trying to stop them from using it.	2/26/2018 1:34 PM
359	I believe an E-bike is more like a regular bike just giving the rider assistance. I've seen regular bike riders going faster than the posted speed limit on many bike/walking paths in Colorado. E- Bikes are a great source of exercise for senior citizens who have trouble riding up hills, or going long distances. It is one of my number forms of exercise and it would be a shame to limit me from the pathway systems in Summit County where I spend my weekends.	2/26/2018 1:32 PM
360	My understanding is that much of the rec path in the county crosses National Forest Service property which does not allow motorized use of any sort. Not sure why this is on the agenda after Breckenridge changed their policy regarding E-Bikes on the rec path at The County's request.	2/26/2018 1:30 PM
361	I have been riding an class 2 e bike for two years now, and I do it because at the ripe old age of 65, I find myself in need of additional "assistance" when pedaling. Many times, when riding on flat or slight downhill conditions, I will not use any assistance, which makes these bikes no different than regular pedal only powered bikes. There seems to be a fear that people who ride electric bikes will be noisy and disrespect trail rules. My personal experience is counter to that intuitive gut feeling. E-bike trail users are more responsible than non powered bike users as it pertains to letting other trail users know of their approach, passing etc. Please do no rule e-bike (Class 1 and 2) off of the paths that I helped to pay for. I have just as much right to use of these trails as anyone else has, and I follow the rules, regardless of what I am riding. There is no proof of e-bikes causing more problems than non e-bikes. It's just the elite "Tour De France" wannabes that are causing problems on the trails. They feel they are above the law. Get some trail enforcement out there and see what's happening.	2/26/2018 1:17 PM
362	Non motorized means no motors	2/26/2018 1:06 PM
363	I think they are inevitable, but should not be allowed on already overcrowded rec path where exercise should be emphasized. I'm ok if we allow them around town, but not on rec path where commercial operations already over crowd by renting out bicycles and providing shuttles to top of passes	2/26/2018 12:59 PM
364	Our system is great, & many of us (plus visitors) use it regularly. Adding access to many e-bike users could present safety hazards & increased collisions. Since e-bike users are usually older, serious & even fatal injuries could result.	2/26/2018 12:51 PM
365	I was almost hit last year by some kids that didn't know how to handle the speed of the e-bike	2/26/2018 12:40 PM
366	Too many tourists that ride bikes already don't know general bike path etiquette. Please don't add a new group, who probably never get on a bike, to this. Please consider those of us that actually live here full time. Ask most locals, we already avoid the rec paths on weekends.	2/26/2018 12:39 PM
367	Commercial operators have created an extremely dangerous situation by hauling people up Vail pass to ride down. Allowing ebikes will make the situation worse by having inexperienced riders going uphill as well as down. Even on flat ground, ebikes will be blowing past those of us who walk and pedal. PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW THIS USE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!	2/26/2018 12:36 PM
368	My family and I use the rec path a lot and we already have an overcrowding issue. E-bikes are not for this community.	2/26/2018 12:25 PM
369	I am more worried about downhill speed demons and people stopping on blind curves..in the middle of rec path..I don't believe ebikes will I increase either of these issues!! Thanks for requesting the public's input!??	2/26/2018 12:11 PM
370	Our summer guests are not cognizant on how to walk on the bike path give them a motorized vehicle and they will be a danger to themselves and others. Our Rec Path system is great. Over crowding must be avoided. It's bad enough to see them come down Vail Pass out of control I can't imagine what it would be like to have them going up and down. It would be like driving on the 405 at rush hour.	2/26/2018 12:04 PM

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371	If e-bikes are allowed on the path, who will ensure those who rent them will train users on path rules and safety? I can't imagine how many e-bike riders will be under the influence of drugs and alcohol using the path.	2/26/2018 12:04 PM
372	My experience is that hotshot riders of non-motorized bikes are more dangerous than responsible riders on e-bikes. E-bikes allow people of all abilities to ride	2/26/2018 12:03 PM
373	Please get and use safety videos and bike educational instruction before anyone should be shuttled up to Vail Pass and released to ride the bike path down it. Vail Pass has been getting more and more dangerous. Sad, very sad.	2/26/2018 12:02 PM
374	More people could bike around the county, than might want to try it now, if they know they could have some assistance, just in case (I know I would be more likely).	2/26/2018 11:59 AM
375	I am very supportive of e-bikes on the rec path because I think they will make the rec path more accessible to folks, while still encouraging exercise (people still have to peddle). Also, I have ridden my road bike with a family member on an e-bike and their presence on the ride was not only great for our family, but had zero negative effect on our rec path experience. I would never have realized she was on an e-bike and I certainly moved faster than she did on most every part of the rec path so speed was not an issue or motor noise (couldn't hear it). I think Summit County would be on the wrong side of history, especially considering House Bill 1151, if we decided to ban e-bikes.	2/26/2018 11:58 AM
376	I am an avid cyclist. Ebike let's my wife who has a knee replacement join me on recreational rides around summit and eagle counties. Allowing pedal assist ebike is no different than allowing healthy strong riders on regular bikes. More outdoor participation by all is a good thing and why we live here.	2/26/2018 11:56 AM
377	electric-assist bikes would increase our "brand" as a cycling destination without adversely affecting current recreation path users	2/26/2018 11:54 AM
378	you really don't notice them. They don't go any faster than non-electric bikes. The idea that the majority of e-bike owners/renters are going to modify the governor so they can go faster is highly unlikely. If a few do, then they will be able to go as fast as a significant number of non-e-bikers who regularly exceed the speed limit.	2/26/2018 11:49 AM
379	We do not need to increase the traffic and dangerous situations on bike paths for the sake of increasing a few rental companies profits.	2/26/2018 11:37 AM
380	I've owned my e-Bike now for about 4 years. I ride only on paved trails. Most even know it is an e-bike. As for safety, the "Lycra Boys" are way more dangerous than anyone on any trail. They ride in groups, they have no concern for the people around them, and they are always riding in excess of 20MPH. By encouraging e-Bikes Summit County will be forward thinking.	2/26/2018 11:33 AM
381	My biggest concern are the blind corners and with pets. It can already be a problem with bikes and pedestrians and this may be adding to that problem. Serious education about the rules of the rec path would have to be implemented. With that said I have ridden an e bike and I know they can be a mode of transportation for folks and I do like them. I vote yes but we really need to educate and have a system of enforcement in place for violations.	2/26/2018 11:18 AM
382	I have had a bad knee and cannot trust that I'll be able to pedal all the time. My ebike allows me to still ride with my husband.	2/26/2018 11:17 AM
383	NO! e-bikes on the Pathway System.	2/26/2018 11:12 AM
384	People with children, dogs and such use the dec path daily. I fear that e-bikes will possibly endanger other users. I have a 1 year old and 4 year old, and will not be using the rec path for safety reasons should e-bikes be allowed. As is, staying inside speed limits and having regard for others seems to be difficult for some users - e-bikes will make this worse. Please don't do this!	2/26/2018 11:08 AM
385	I have been a property owner in Summit County for 25 years, full-time resident the past 6 years. My taxes and donations have supported the rec path system in our county. Following three joint replacements, cycling has become my primary form of exercise. Unfortunately, I have reduced ability to ride a standard bike and the Class 1 e-bike offers me the opportunity to continue to enjoy cycling. I do strongly support the use of pedal assist e-bikes on the Summit rec pathway system.	2/26/2018 11:01 AM
386	Look at the example: hiking trails were open to mountain bikes and then motorized bikes, then trails got wider... then RTV and Quads jumped on those wider trails....got even wider and then Jeeps.... then became a dirt road not safe for hiking anymore :-(. Stop! We need quiet hiking trails for people only.... there are enough existing roads and trails for those vehicles. Also, vehicles scare wildlife away.	2/26/2018 10:59 AM

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387	Motorized is motorized. This opens up a slippery slope. I also don't want to worry about myself or child being run over by one of these. The bikers go fast enough as it is on the reg path and most don't know how to communicate. Seeing as it would be mostly 2nd home owners and tourists (cause who can afford an ebike AND a Summit mortgage/rent!), please protect the people who live here and cherish our protected outdoor spaces.	2/26/2018 10:57 AM
388	concerned for regular bike users and their safety	2/26/2018 10:51 AM
389	Commercial renters of bikes and e-bikes will support introduction of motorized e-bikes. But our bikeways are provided for citizen and visitor enjoyment, not to directly benefit local business interests.	2/26/2018 10:51 AM
390	I ride an e-skateboard and travel well under 20 mph when on the rec path. This activity should also be allowed under the new rules.	2/26/2018 10:43 AM
391	This will make the path very crowded and unsafe	2/26/2018 10:40 AM
392	I think as an older individual I'd be out exercising more if I had an ebike to help me with the hills.	2/26/2018 10:40 AM
393	No please. It is already dangerous enough with the current mix of ability and awareness levels.	2/26/2018 10:38 AM
394	Riding E-bikes is better for the environment than driving cars or using motorcycles for recreation. Keep the air cleaner for the future, start now, so the trails will be better for future growth of e-bikers. Embrace the future.	2/26/2018 10:38 AM
395	With the number of people using the bike paths and ages varying from toddlers to seniors the use of E bikes is a terrible idea. Should be limited to non motorized vehicles for safety concerns alone	2/26/2018 10:37 AM
396	See previous answer. It just makes it more dangerous than it already is. I like that e-bikes help get those with disabilities out riding, but they can already do that. We don't need to open up motorized travel on the one place that it's now allowed. It's bad enough with all the distracted people riding across the entire path, instead of the right side, skateboarders with no brakes, and dogs running loose off-leash that you never enforce. Allowing e-bikes just makes it a free-for-all.	2/26/2018 10:33 AM
397	Don't do it!	2/26/2018 10:32 AM
398	Summit County needs to restrict bicycles (to include ebikes) to rec paths ONLY. Bicycles in the roadways are a hazard.	2/26/2018 10:32 AM
399	As a way to reinforce my answers I think that allowing e-bikes will only add to an already overcrowded (at times and in certain areas of the path system) experience. Also I think that if allowed, once that happens it would be very difficult to reverse the decision if it turned out to be a mistake. Summit County as well as Colorado as a whole already has significant growth projections and I suspect that our recreation path system will already be challenged enough without the additional burden of e-bikes.	2/26/2018 10:20 AM
400	The recreation paths are already extremely crowded and adding extra bikes and speed is not a good combination. Also the added speed on someone that is not an experienced rider will result in more accidents. Last summer I was passed on the uphill of Vail pass by two riders on an electric bike. I would hate to see people riding down from Vail pass and Copper Mountain with an electrical assist. The speeds are high enough without assist.	2/26/2018 10:17 AM
401	The usage has already increased substantially since the paths were constructed. Businesses have exploited them with downhill excursions from top of Vail Pass. Large group rides (RTR, Triple ByPass, etc) on weekends, longboarders, etc. have made the usage of the pathways pretty dangerous in the summer. Please long at capacity if you add e-bikes. Confrontations and injuries may not be positive consequence for Summit County	2/26/2018 10:11 AM
402	Any and all e-bikes allowed shall be limited to 20 mph speeds. Any shop that rents e-bikes in the county will be restricted to only renting e-bikes with this speed limit.	2/26/2018 10:06 AM
403	They should be on the shoulder of a road, not rec path. Bike rental companies are already looking into renting, keep motors off rec path.	2/26/2018 5:39 AM
404	It's a non motorized path. If you want to ride a bike with a motor, use the road. Why on earth are you even considering this?	2/26/2018 2:36 AM
405	This is a major safety issue and problem waiting to happen. The rec path throughout the county is full of sharp, blind corners. Visitors unfamiliar with the paths are often on the wrong side causing near misses everywhere. If you do decide to allow e-bikes please do not ever consider licensed e-bike tours and businesses. The last thing the county needs are hundreds more riders that never ride a bike flooding the pathways with an electric motor.	2/26/2018 12:20 AM

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406	I think ebikes are far more positive than negative. I think most people that have them are older long time bike enthusiasts & don't ride as far and as long as they used to. Also, ebikes are more expensive and younger people probably won't be interested. And, I think most people on ebikes aren't looking to go fast, just farther and uphill easier.	2/25/2018 11:48 PM
407	E-bikes are wonderful for people who can't make it up the hills...I do not think they are a danger to anyone.	2/25/2018 11:19 PM
408	to use an e-bike, rider would need to register to use in county and abide by all rec path rules; not require a fee	2/25/2018 10:34 PM
409	<p>I have lived here most of my life and I see these ebikes as a way for more people to go bike riding that might not be able to without assistance. I feel this is more than a discussion for those with disability issues. We promote our communities as amazing places to live and visit where you have all kinds of ways to get outside and enjoy the mountains alone and with friends and family. Our elevation can be a big problem for many visitors and also some locals. These ebikes are an incredible asset that allows more people to enjoy biking in the mountains. As far as speed issues - many regular bikers ride faster than these ebikes and as far as crowding on the paths - there are more people coming here every day with or without ebikes on the paths. Get over it - or move to Iceland ! On another issue- so if you make ebikes only available for use on paths by people with disabilities then who is going to enforce this and what level of disability qualifies? Do they have to show a motor vehicle disability tag ? What if they have a disability that isn't outwardly visible or they don't have a vehicle tag ? Does the poor bike rental person have to be put in a very awkward position to ask each potential renter if they have a disability and btw what is it ?? FYI -quite frankly it is none of their business and I'm guessing the ADA would have issues with them even asking! OH and yes can only ride here and not there. Also if someone else in the group wants to try it while out on the path -- is that allowed or are we going to have Ebike police? As far as opponents- i don't understand what the problem is... no fumes - no big noise- what's the problem? Is there an issue with batteries ? Do you use NO BATTERIES in your world ? Are you SO green that you can't have ANY power in your world besides physical ? I am absolutely sure that anyone with strength and disability issues would LOVE to NOT BE in that position- but they may be dealing with things you can't even imagine! Walk in their shoes before you get TOO opinionated and pass judgment. Walk in their shoes ONE day and I guarantee you won't want to do do it again! To pass this partway around the county is absurd !! What if the family wants to ride around the lake but ebikes aren't allowed in Dillon or Frisco ? Awesome! What a NOT FUN day for everyone !!! 'Sorry kids - we can ride to Dillon for the concert on the lake but your Aunt has an ebike because she can't ride that far so she has to go back to Breck and sit alone at the condo ! ' NICE! Another thing to throw into the pot is the tax revenues generated by these bikes - rentals- sales and jobs for people. Show me a negative and I will counter it ! EVEN considering not making all bike paths accessible is WRONG on SO MANY levels and I hope this county is smarter than that !! Thank you</p>	2/25/2018 10:27 PM
410	My wife and I are in our 70s but in generally good health. We do not qualify for a disability exemption, therefore we cannot use the rec paths in most areas because of the athleticism required to climb the grades. ***Second Point*** e-bikes do not create the danger on the rec trails. Rude aggressive macho locals riding rec paths at speeds much greater than 20 mph are the real danger and the element that should be regulated.	2/25/2018 10:26 PM
411	E-bikes will bring in more revenue to the county. Few people can fly into a high altitude region and be in condition to take advantage of our extensive bike paths. I just returned from a 4 country trip in Europe and the best part of that trip was renting an e-bike along with my not so in shape adult neice. It was incredible! The first day we toured the area villages, we decided to go again and the shop steered us towards a path that went straight up to a glacier, Amazing! No way your average visitor would be able to enjoy such a road trip. Ebikes aren't cheap, so I don't predict rec paths being over run by them and being they're still bicycles and environmentally friendly and don't see all the fuss. I also believe more people may be more inclined to use them in their commutes. They get you out, they're healthy and a whole lot of fun. Get with the 21st century Summit County, your beautiful rec paths are grossly under utilized. At the very least allow the ebikes that have to be pedal assisted, those are the one's we used in Austria.	2/25/2018 9:59 PM

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412	I believe a lot of the opposition to E-bikes stems from lack of knowledge as to how they actually function. On flat surfaces, an E-bike is limited to 20 mph, whether throttled or pedaled. This is a fact. Road bikes and some mountain bikes easily exceed this speed, so speed is not a factor. It comes down to the responsibility, or lack of same of the operator, period. The low level hysteria about e-bikes is very similar to hysteria over snowboards, 30 years ago. I suspect opposition from some trail users may come from a "NIMBY" motivation. I rode the Summit County recpath over 700 miles this past summer. With my disability, I have no other access to the enjoyment of cycling, without the threat of being run over by cars. Given our altitude, I would like to see visitors have unfettered access to e-bikes, so that they, taxpayers all, can access all that our community has to offer.	2/25/2018 9:24 PM
413	Ebikes can help us reduce our ecological footprint. Restrictions or bans on rentals might be good if we are concerned about tourists going crazy on them.	2/25/2018 9:16 PM
414	I think Class 1 ebikes would be fine on the paved rec paths in the county and towns. More people, especially those of us whose bodies aren't as strong as they once were due to aging, will be able to ride bikes with the electric assist. I do not like the idea of throttles on bikes. That's a step too far toward motorized. So I am not in favor of class 2 ebikes on the paved rec paths. Definitely do not allow any ebikes on non-paved trails.	2/25/2018 9:05 PM
415	Bike speed limits are typically 15 mph, ebike speeds of up to 28 mph is reckless	2/25/2018 9:03 PM
416	There are enough frustrations on the roads, trail systems and bike paths. Some of the draw of the Summit County lifestyle should be preserved.	2/25/2018 8:58 PM
417	Thanks for asking for community input. I fear the bikes will clog the bike paths and make riding unsafe for locals. I can imagine be many, many tourists would want to rent e-bikes, which would create a whole new cluster on the bike paths. Please. Don't prostitute the county further, just to gain a buck from tourists	2/25/2018 8:31 PM
418	The key issue here seems to be about safety. I would much prefer the County regulate unsafe speeds, unsafe practices, and unsafe riding in preference to an outright ban of e-bikes. E-bikes could be beneficial to those who would like to experience the rec path but who might not have the stamina to pedal far. Some e-bikes allow the rider to switch into no-assist or low-assist mode, which could open the enjoyment of the rec path to more people who could bicycle some distance but would like to switch over to electric assist to enjoy more beauty for a longer ride. I have never ridden an e-bike and enjoy using the rec path as a cyclist and sometimes as a pedestrian. I would like e-bikes to become an option, but if the county can't find a way to write regulations that would keep the rec path safe from rude, wild cyclists riding their e-bikes too fast for conditions, then keeping a ban would be my preference. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to comment.	2/25/2018 8:23 PM
419	There are too many accidents now, what will it be like with inexperienced people on e-bikes. The purpose is to get fit.	2/25/2018 8:20 PM
420	It seems silly to try to ban the use of e-bikes for anyone who is making an effort to get out and exercise and enjoy all the outdoor activities that Summit County has to offer. E-bikes are most commonly used by older people or people working on getting in shape so a ban on e-bikes seems inherently prejudicial and unfair to people who are trying to stay active despite having challenges. I'm not sure why it affects any regular bikers if some people may need to ride a bike with assistance.	2/25/2018 8:12 PM
421	eBikes are a great way for people to continue to ride as they get older - knee problems, asthma, etc. Also, a very efficient way of commuting.	2/25/2018 8:04 PM
422	If "rules of the road" and common courtesy are used by ebike riders they create no problem and are often not recognized as such on the bike path. If riders are discourteous they should be "penalized" rather than the whole class of ebike riders. If a traditional bike rider is a jerk on the bike path are you going to restrict use of traditional bikes? Of course not, so why do that to a specialty bike?	2/25/2018 7:54 PM
423	There is no difference between e-bikes and mopeds.	2/25/2018 7:49 PM
424	The bikes are not the issue on the rec paths. The etiquette and lack of notice when passing is the biggest bicycle problem on the path. As on the ski areas, nobody says "On your Left" or "Right" anymore.	2/25/2018 7:25 PM
425	e-bikes allow people of different ages and health to all ride together, ride further, and have more fun doing so. My family would not hesitate to ride from Keystone to Dillon, Frisco or Breckenridge in the summer (and skip taking the car) with the reassurance that comes having a little extra power from a Class-I e-bike. (pedal assist)	2/25/2018 7:10 PM

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426	This is the most absurd idea I've heard yet. We don't need more motorized vehicles and we certainly don't need economics interfering with our deteriorating quality of life in Summit County. I've lived here 30 years and ridden the path anywhere from 3,000 to 7,000 miles a year. I've been injured and hospitalized 3 times already due to loose dogs and unaware riders. My daughter has been injured by loose dogs as well. If the county can't even control what we have now there is no way E-Bikes are going to do anything but create more danger.	2/25/2018 6:59 PM
427	20 mph is far too fast for travel on the recpaths, especially by the unskilled riders who are likely to choose e-bikes. The recpaths are often crowded with strollers, children and the elderly who would be endangered by fast-moving e-bikes. At the very least, e-bikes would jeopardize the positive experience for those of us who use the recpaths several times a week for walking and biking, and would lead to further overcrowding of paths that are already too crowded on most weekends during the summer and shoulder seasons.	2/25/2018 6:58 PM
428	I believe there should be a restriction on the number of bikes rented and there should be an age restriction.	2/25/2018 6:56 PM
429	Longboards present enough hazard on the recpath. Ebikes would encourage many more "non"bikers on the path and etiquette is marginal as it is.	2/25/2018 6:03 PM
430	Rec path on the weekend is already pretty dangerous. Allowing Ebikes will make it worse	2/25/2018 5:45 PM
431	E-1 bikes are not motorized vehicles. Pedal assist helps going uphill only. I am disabled but my wife has one to make it easier to ride with me.	2/25/2018 5:33 PM
432	There are many seniors in Summit County who enjoy the use of the e-bikes. It will also make it easier for us to go downtown more often. It is too difficult to parallel park or pay for parking in downtown Breck.	2/25/2018 5:28 PM
433	E-bikes allow active seniors to continue their biking passion at this elevation.	2/25/2018 5:21 PM
434	Our paved recreational paths are not "bike paths" only. They are also walking paths, etc. Some of the right of ways were originally donated to the county by private land owners who retained the legal designation of "multi use pathway". E bikes are multi use and should be allowed and in fact perhaps already are by law in certain areas (i.e. ten mile canyon).	2/25/2018 5:21 PM
435	The rec path is a multi-use area, not only bicyclists but also pedestrians with dogs, children and strollers, as well as people with skate boards, long boards and rollerblades, are found on the path. Adding additional traffic in the form of motorized assist bicycles adds another component which could present a safety hazard to all the slower moving traffic (regular cyclists who do not reduce speed in congested areas already are a safety hazard). Choosing to add another, faster, component to an already overcrowded area with a growing population could present even greater safety hazards. Additionally, the rec path is intended for non-motorized use and despite the caveats that the motor assist will stop when the bike reaches 20 mph, speeds over a normal walking pace (approximately 3 mph) can be hazardous to others. Requiring users to have the ability to generate these speeds without motor assist is a way to limit rec path use and reduce the safety hazards already present. Allowing the ebikes on only sections of the path means there would need to be staff to monitor, ticket and collect fines from those that do not comply. That is not a tourist friendly activity for the county.	2/25/2018 5:16 PM
436	aging population in Summit count--we are going to need them	2/25/2018 5:10 PM
437	Without an ebike I can't keep up with the people I usually ride with. Also I would like to use one to help me ride up to copper and vail pass easier. I would like to use a pedal assist ebike to keep up and make hills easier.	2/25/2018 4:59 PM
438	Respaths in summit are already a nightmare , poorly designed , too many blind spots , too much multiuse things going on , more speed with poorly educated ebike users is a disaster waiting to happen !!	2/25/2018 4:53 PM
439	I favor e-bikes and have owned one for about 4 years. When I let others ride my bike they always seem surprised that it is really more like a regular bike as you control speed by cadence and gear. As I grow older my e-bike lets me keep doing what I love.	2/25/2018 4:44 PM
440	You have to be black and white on this issue, even if you allow very limited use it will equate to a trickle that WILL become a flood.	2/25/2018 4:37 PM
441	I will not support those business' that support this proposal.	2/25/2018 4:29 PM
442	Paths should be reserved for non-motorized use.	2/25/2018 3:40 PM

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443	Most ebike users are unfamiliar with biking and will present a greater hazard on the Rec paths The use of exiles is being pushed by bike rental shops to increase their business with no thought of the people that live and use the path regularly	2/25/2018 3:35 PM
444	The disabled are one thing, but unfit or lazy riders should not be allowed.	2/25/2018 3:30 PM
445	Please keep current Summit County policy as it is.	2/25/2018 3:18 PM
446	STRONGLY feel only pedal-assist e-bikes should be allowed.	2/25/2018 2:50 PM
447	Ebikes are practical, low cost, non polluting transportation for the masses. If a wealthy man buys a Tesla, the government gives him \$7500. If a lifty just wants to ride an ebike to his minimum wage job, the government wants to deny him access to the recpath! Rent ebikes to flatland tourists instead of motoring them up Vail pass!	2/25/2018 2:50 PM
448	They make biking more accessible for seniors.	2/25/2018 2:32 PM
449	To not allow e-bikes on the Rec pathway is a major mistake.	2/25/2018 2:21 PM
450	The Summit County recpath is already crowded in numerous places with people who aren't always aware of what is going on around them. This includes not just bike riders, but runners and people walking their dogs who may or may not be using a leash. Adding ebikes to this mix without limiting their use to certain areas which see less runners and dog walkers would add to a situation that is already somewhat overcrowded, and create a less than safe environment.	2/25/2018 2:13 PM
451	Having lived in SC since the mid-70's and raised 3 children here, I continue to value the promotion of healthy, natural and quiet outdoor recreation. The commercialization of our outdoors is honestly repugnant to me. Access from the front range brings more and more folks to the county. I believe we should retain the "old school" commitment to non-motorized vehicles on our rec paths. Additionally, and perhaps peripherally, I have overseen and volunteered with St. Anthony's Summit Medical Center's Dogs on Call therapy dog program for many years, and have spoken with numerous folks who have had severe bike accidents coming down Vail Pass after receiving a van lift up to the top. Most claim they had no idea how steep and "dangerous" coming down the Pass was. Providing lifts to the top of Vail Pass, where there is no liability to the provider businesses regardless, again promotes the commercialization of recreation in our County, populating our bike paths with many folks who honestly have no business riding down from the top of the Pass. Do we not care about the safety of our visitors as well as the physically capable riders who actually ride up, and down to/from the Pass summit? It is far more challenging in 2018 to find areas in which enjoyment of the outdoors paired with physical exercise are not over-crowded. Though tourism is a mainstay industry in the county, there are a myriad of summer and winter events available to our visitors who are not physically capable of doing more strenuous exercise. The ADA provisions cover those physically disabled folks who would like to have the opportunity to experience our county with mobility assistance. Please consider the quality of experiences for the rest of us who have choices about our physical fitness.	2/25/2018 2:02 PM
452	E-bikes might encourage more non-polluting commutes to many destinations in Summit County. If they are non-assistive above 20mph I feel they would be compatible with our numerous traditional cyclists as they achieve that speed regularly. The possible increase in traffic along our many wonderful paths is concerning. We daily use the path system to walk our dog and speed of all cyclist is concerning.	2/25/2018 2:00 PM
453	if they are ever allowed, there MUST be STRICT and VISIBLE enforcement. Also, as soon as you allow class 1 & 2, class 3 users will get on the paths too.	2/25/2018 1:36 PM
454	I think a few common sense guidelines should be told to customers buying e-bikes and rental bike customers of e-bikes. When riding the rec path please be highly cautious in Heavy traffic areas. Keep the speed down when rec path is crowded July-August. Be respectful and courteous of all rec path users. YIELD.	2/25/2018 1:33 PM
455	Both my wife and I ride e-bikes (pedal-assisted), we've been bike riders since we were kids and have years of mountain bike trail riding experience. We think the only significant problem with e-bikes on trails is the possible increase in traffic that might result. We do not think they are inherently more dangerous to trail users than regular bikes.	2/25/2018 1:29 PM
456	Some people have physical limitations, but would still like to utilize the rec paths. For instance, they may have asthma. An E Bike could help them navigate the hills better and enjoy getting out and riding without worry. They will help more sedentary people get moving and thus become healthier, perhaps even leading them to get non assist bikes, in the future.	2/25/2018 1:22 PM

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457	Ebikes permit riders to go uphill much faster than unmotorized, they will want to pass. Bikes coming downhill cannot compensate. The peril is too great. Especially on weekends. At 60 and a grandfather, we need to use our own power. Otherwise avoid the paths. Thanks	2/25/2018 1:07 PM
458	Summit county is blessed with rec paths that help keep us healthy. By allowing e-bike many of us seniors will no longer be able to safely use the rec paths.	2/25/2018 1:03 PM
459	Any bike that can go twenty mph can overtake uphill climbers (e.g. Frisco to Breck, Frisco to Copper Mtn, Vail Pass) at a dangerous speed.	2/25/2018 12:56 PM
460	If I cannot use my pedal assist ebike on the Rec Paths in Summit County, I will have to stop riding altogether. I enjoy staying active here, but am unable to handle the hills without the motor assistance to my own pedaling. Ebikes allow us seniors to stay active and enjoy what Summit County has to offer.	2/25/2018 12:29 PM
461	There are increasing conflicts on all rec paths between walkers, dog walkers, strollers, shoppers, runners and bikes within all Summit Towns. Add e-bikes within Towns will only increase conflicts. Usage is rising every summer along the rec paths. Let's not add e-bikes to the mix within Town limits.	2/25/2018 12:22 PM
462	I have ridden the roads, trails, and Rec paths for over 40 years. First and foremost I appreciate all the work and fore-thought, planning and resources that have gone into this wonderful resource. That said, with the ever increasing use and popularity of this system, E-bikes are not a good addition to the existing mix in my opinion at this point in time. The respective towns are perhaps a different issue which they can address.	2/25/2018 12:04 PM

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463	<p>Per the previous question.....the foolowing is a reply I posted on the Summit Daily forum re: e bikes. I have lived here and ridden the rec path for over 30 years and have seen the changes: Jeanne, you especially raise some good points. If everyone followed the rules the rec path would be a safe and civil p[la]ce to ride. The cardinal rule is simply to stay on your side. Unfortunately, many people don't follow this rule or understand the consequences of not being reponsible rec path users. The section from Frisco to Copper is already a scary place on the weekends and many weekdays. Yes, ebikes would be good for business as are the services that drop people off at the top of Vail Pass to ride down. However, to your point, it is not just the number of people using the path it is their speed, skill level and lack of sense of responsibility. I have nearly hit dogs that were off leash while coming around blind corners even though I was going at an appropriate speed for the rec path. I have stopped to help 7 differnt people on that section over the last few years who simply could not negotiate the curves or grade from Vail Pass down to Copper. I stopped to help an elderly woman a few years ago who was hit by a teenage girl who cut one of the blind corners between Frisco and Dillon. Both were on rental bikes. The elderly woman had to be evacuated by ambulance and had a punctured lung and torn ligaments in her knee. I stopped to help a woman who went down under the overpass at the top of Vail Pass in the spring because the tour operator who dropped her off at the top of the pass didn't tell her there was still ice under that overpass. Add in the longboarders and the rec path between Frisco and Copper is a nutty place to ride until early evening or so despite the fact that many users are well intentioned as you are and foolow the rules as you do. Being on the rec path these days can often be a situation of self preservation. Addressing Conrad's remark.....I never ride the section of path between Frisco and Dillon. I feel much safer on the road given that that section sees such a varied user group (partly because of the people staying in the campground) including people with strollers, dogs, pedestrians and given that it is also more narrow than many other parts of the rec path in the county and has a handful of blind curves. Should ebikes be entitled to ride on the rec path? it's a tough question and I empathize with both sides of the argument. Maybe some sort of sheriff's patrol (which used to be a presence on the rec path years ago long before it was so crowded) to slow people down or remind them that as cyclists, longboarders or peds we are more vulnerable in many ways than we are in our cars. I have spoken to first responders who have told me of a number of serious collisions to the extent that I and many other cyclist I know are very careful about when we ride on the rec path and which sections we stay away from entirely. Be safe, Jean and anyone who reads this. None of us can afford to be hurt especially as a result of someone else's carelessness. The bike shops who offer drop-off services certainly do benefit from the added business but they do nothing that I know of to screen the cyclists that they leave at the top of Vail Pass to ride down. I have seen people coming at me in speed wobbles who by my estimation probably haven't been on a bike in years and who are some of the people I have stopped to help. One tour company I know of only takes people to the top of Vail Pass because they have one of their guides on front to control the speed of the group. They also have one in the back to help people who have trouble getting down. All of the other operators just let people go down on their own which at times can be hazardous to anyone else on the path. In my opinion, if they are to benefit financially by providing this service on the county's (read: OUR) rec path they should be required to include a guide to increase the safety of their guests and other rec path users. Conrad.....unfortunately one of the other businesses that benefits from the added congestion on the rec path is the local hospital ER.</p>	2/25/2018 12:01 PM
464	See previous answer.	2/25/2018 11:54 AM
465	I have exercise-induced asthma, but I love to ride bicycles and ski. The e-bike helps me up the hill. I go about 6mph instead of 3mph. I have only met others who are like me, older or disabled riders, not young people trying to race on pedal-assisted bikes. The altitude in Summit County can aggravate my asthma. Limiting e-bike access anywhere is not fair to me. I do not have a handicap placard, just an inhaler.	2/25/2018 11:41 AM
466	Current regulations that allow for disabled individuals to use assisted conveyance in compliance with ADA are appropriate. motorized rebuke use is incompatible with the wide range of the multiuser nature of the rec path system. Similar to cross country skiing and snowmobiling. Ebikes are more in line with street legal motorcycles or ATVs. A more suitable place for ebikes is bike lanes on roadways.	2/25/2018 11:30 AM
467	Pedestrian and motorized uses are incompatible on rec paths for safety reasons.	2/25/2018 11:28 AM

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468	The Recpath is already too crowded. A chief argument for allowing Ebikes is increased revenue for the rental shops that rent regular bikes and Ebikes. This has already become a problem on Vail Pass with the drop-offs for the ride down that several shops provide. For the sake of shop revenue the rec path has become quite dangerous for those who ride up under their own power. This should not be the case, and as something that we can prevent at least with Ebikes. Additional revenue for shops does not justify ncreasing crowding on an already overcrowded path, and increasing danger for those who ride under their own power. By trying to make it accessible to all, even to those who aren't capable under their own power, we are ruining what makes the experience unique and worthwhile.	2/25/2018 11:22 AM
469	Honestly, our paths are already overcrowded and e-bikes will present a new and unwanted situation for those of us using the paths for pedestrian and cycling traffic.	2/25/2018 11:20 AM
470	One of the biggest issues with the rec path these days is not just the number of people who use it but also the skill level of the people who ride bikes. The section between Frisco and Copper is already over crowded on weekends (and often during the week these days). Many of the people who take advantage of the drop off services on Vail Pass barely have the skills necessary to negotiate some of the curves and grades of Vail Pass. Add in the skateboarders dog walkers, pedestrians, etc. and that section of path is scary more often than not until late in the day. The section between Frisco and Dillon is the most dangerous in the county given the blind curves and amount of traffic. I never ride this section anymore after having seen one very bad collision and a handful of close calls. That section has every user group possible from families with strollers from the campground to dogwalkersm cyclists, etc. and will be even scarier if bikes are allowed. One of the biggest issues as mentioned is the skill level of many of the people who rent bikes already and who don't take seriously the consequences of staying on their side of the path (the cardinal rule for the rec path), speed or just paying attention to what they are doing as well as the presence of other people. Frisco to Breck is the only section that I think is relatively safe given the visibility since it is so straight in most places.	2/25/2018 11:18 AM
471	People using E-bikes most likely will have limited cycling experience and skills and even less experience and skills on E-bikes. Allowing unskilled cyclists to ride heavier, faster bikes on uphill/downhill areas and through numerous switchbacks, many of which have extremely limited visibility, is a recipe for disaster.	2/25/2018 11:17 AM
472	I live here full time and experience very fast bikers all the time. An ebik is only going to add further problems to the recwalk the rec path daily during the usable season.	2/25/2018 11:14 AM
473	The rec path is already overcrowded on most weekdays & all weekends & holidays. There is no room for E-bikes on the rec path as presently configured. They are much faster than traditional bikes going uphill so would always be passing & traveling into oncoming downhill bike traffic creating serious hazard & guaranteeing collisions. If the county were to widen the path by adding another full lane specifically for e bikes, then the bikes could be accommodated. Why not allow e bikes on road shoulders? They are very well equiped to ride along the shoulders.	2/25/2018 11:14 AM
474	This would be the hairs brake the camels' backs. The e-skate boards are already a hazard on the paths. I see this adding dramtically to the current unsafe Vail Pass biker usage where it causes crashes because there is no knowledge of the basic rules in biking.	2/25/2018 11:08 AM
475	Right now bicyclists are dodging longboards, skateboards, dogs, children on bikes who can't stay in a line, strollers, walkers. The paths are to wide enough to accommodate all these people and animals. E-bikes would just add to the congestion. I don't know if they make noise but less noise is better. I do not ride the paths on weekends except very early in the morning because of all these factors. Please give us regular bicyclists a break.	2/25/2018 10:59 AM
476	I am very opposed to use of E Bikes on our already crowded rec path system!!!!!!	2/25/2018 10:56 AM
477	I feel that individual use of ebikes on the rec path may be okay but I am concerned of what it would be like if they are used by businesses to run tours on Vail pass. As it is now Vail pass is over taxed by tour use. Riders unfamiliar with bikes would now be able to exaggerate their mistakes in etiquette or control to a dangerous level. Any decision to allow ebikes should be for a trial period. As for the argument that they are a equalizer of ability, it is a fact of life that not everyone can perform a sport at the same level.	2/25/2018 10:54 AM
478	I am an older person that lives in Summit County. My wife and I bought ebikes (class 1) last year. We contribute to the economy and the tax base. Banning ebikes would make think about moving to a county that allows them. We rode a lot last summer without any incidents.	2/25/2018 10:48 AM

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479	I have acquired an bike b/c breathing issues have made it impossible for me to ride my regular bike at this altitude. I have been coming to Frisco for 15 years, own a condo here, and want to continue to be able to cycle.	2/25/2018 10:31 AM
480	Allowing any motorized vehicles on the rec path will increase the amount of people using the rec path on an already crowded area. This will increase the risk to everyone on the rec path. We need to keep this area for pedestrians and cyclists only. I can only imagine an e-bike not being able to stop at the curves near Frisco Middle and really injuring themselves or others. Recreation paths are for just that, recreation and I feel that just "riding" on a motorized type of device is not recreation and therefore not using the rec path for its intended use.	2/25/2018 10:30 AM
481	Many road bikers ride faster than I do on my e-bike. It is the speed of bikers, not the type of bike that is the problem. Because of my e-bike, I am able to ride with my family which I could not do before. But I do not want to ride in the streets with cars, trucks and buses. Please consider the healthy outdoor activity that e-bikes have allowed many senior citizens to enjoy. For that matter, - e-bikes offer enjoyment to all age groups. Please do not ban e-bikes ont the paths. Post rules of common courtesy (which all types of bike riders should obey) and speed limits. Education on how to safely use the rec paths is the answer.	2/25/2018 10:30 AM
482	It is the future, lets embrace it. Get yourself an ebike, and then an e car.	2/25/2018 10:27 AM
483	Modern bicycles are so efficient that I see little need for E-bikes on the path, with an exemption already in place for people with disabilities. We should leave the rules as they are, at least for now.	2/25/2018 10:09 AM
484	I have encountered e-bikes on the Summit County Rec Paths (illegally, of course) and feel that their capabilities are different enough from regular bikes that they present a safety hazard to other Rec Path users.	2/25/2018 10:06 AM
485	E-bikes may be ok on rec paths and for some people the only way they can get exercise however I'm a bit concerned about the speed (up to 20 mph) on the path.	2/25/2018 9:36 AM
486	I think there are a lot of miscon	2/25/2018 9:26 AM
487	In theory people already ride 20mph+ on the paths but my worry is that tourists inexperienced with rec path rules going too fast with the aid of a motor will make it unsafe for other users (children, families, older people who walk there daily). It would need to be coupled with increased training, signs, notices, enforcement about rec path rules and etiquette.	2/25/2018 9:22 AM
488	Class 1 seems fair. I'm opposed to a rental tour business bringing a lot more traffic to the pathways with inexperienced riders.	2/25/2018 9:20 AM
489	It's a rec path Not a transportation path and busy enough with bikers, runners, walkers, summer skaters, children et al.	2/25/2018 9:10 AM
490	I am reluctant to suggest limited use, but the activity and experience should be available to all. The ebike use on the path should only be available to the physically challenged	2/25/2018 9:07 AM
491	Bike rental companies put renters on their bikes and send them on their way with little concern for the renter's knowledge of biking safety or etiquette. Many of the current bike renters in Summit County have little on no biking experience. Do we want to see these same companies putting people on e-bikes? I don't.	2/25/2018 9:03 AM
492	Would like to keep the quiet and tranquility of the current non-motorized path.	2/25/2018 8:52 AM
493	Make a permit necessary and place a decent fee on these permits, maybe around \$40 per year, to use ebikes on the rec paths. Gotta pay to be lazy and piss off others.	2/25/2018 8:44 AM
494	My 80 year old father-in-law rides a class I e-bike all over Longmont, and would love to be able to ride it in Summit County when he visits. In my experience, most e-bikes are owned by older people still love to ride bikes, but need a little assist. Summit County should embrace this group of people and this wonderful technology.	2/25/2018 8:43 AM
495	E-Bike riders were rude and did not follow the rules of the trail - Pass on the left - Give warning when passing - Slow down for children.	2/25/2018 8:31 AM
496	For sure class I bikes are a no brainer. It only powers if you pedal. So you are just getting a boost on the hills. Makes rec path more accessible to broader groups of people. I pay my property tax and really don't get to benefit from the recpath expenditure from my taxes.	2/25/2018 7:57 AM
497	I am disabled so my case is excepted. I have friends with arthritic issues, etc that requires them to have the e assistance in order to keep up with their friends when riding together. There should be other exceptions besides disability that qualify.	2/25/2018 6:47 AM

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498	I'm 69 years old and have been living part time in Summit County since I was in my 40's. I live and work in Summit County about 40% of the time, and at sea level the rest of the time. When I was younger, I could ride a bike up hills with no difficulty, but at my age, I am not in physically able to do so, so I can't get out to enjoy the county as much as I would like. It would be really nice if I could use an e-bike to be able to enjoy nature in the County like I used to. Complaints about overcrowding are a form of age discrimination. Are we to allow the enjoyment of the outdoors only to the young and fit? Hopefully, all residents will eventually grow older and will then understand the need for allowing e-bikes. Please don't be selfish and keep the use of the trails only for the young and fit.	2/25/2018 4:17 AM
499	All of the rec paths in Summit County are multi use. In Keystone (where I live and use the paths daily) most traffic that I see is walking. That pace has got to be our baseline here. People walking. People pushing strollers. People -who no matter how much you try to educate- walk in the same direction across the entire path. I already think most cyclist on pedal bikes need to slow down for the paths to be safe. Really? Using your aerobars on the bike path? Why are these pathletes trying to set a rec path time trial record with their Strava app anyway? E-bikes are WAY to capable for the rec path environment. They need to be treated like 50cc and under motorcycles. That's what e-bikes are most similar to. Electric assist bikes are, very clearly, motorized transportation. They have incredible potential that has been really interesting to watch develop. Let's also remember that there have been varieties available since the early 1900's. To my knowledge, none of these previous iterations have been allowed on the Summit County rec paths. Why are we considering the latest options to hit the market? Because there's a huge cycling industry that wants to sell outdoor recreation to aging baby boomers with a lot of disposable income. That's it, that's all this is. I would like to suggest a bike path speed limit based on the average speed found between: 1- adult walking pace 2- a tourist from sea level pedaling from Summit Cove to the top of Swan Mountain. Let's publish that number county wide and call it the Pathlete Speed Standard.	2/25/2018 12:27 AM
500	The definition of a Class 2 electric bicycle limits the maximum assisted speed of 20 mph, which is exact same limit that applies to Class 1 electric bicycles. 7. If class 1 and class 2 e-bikes are identical in terms of power and limits on assisted speed, then access to paths and trails should be equal.	2/24/2018 10:46 PM
501	Please don't allow e-bikes on our recpaths. It's OK to have to work hard to enjoy an experience free of motor assisted travel.	2/24/2018 10:42 PM
502	Have had bad experiences already with e-bikes on the rec path. They are motorized vehicles. They do not belong on the rec path.	2/24/2018 10:26 PM
503	Riders of ebikes are generally not experienced cyclists that are able to ride safely at higher speeds around others including cyclists and pedestrians.	2/24/2018 10:09 PM
504	Rec paths are intended to provide a safe place for those wanting to enjoy a physical outdoor activity. If unable to ride a bicycle in Summit County, then choose another activity like walking.	2/24/2018 9:32 PM
505	1)I'm concerned that e-bikes would put more riders on the trails causing congestion. If you allow e-bikes how much will the traffic increase. 2) Many E-bike riders will be renting and many would be beginners causing danger for others. 3) I would only allow class 1 (pedal assist bikes with limited power)	2/24/2018 9:08 PM
506	I do have a foot disability and could never enjoy a bike ride without my ebike. Thank you so much for the consideration of letting all citizens in Summit County enjoy their outdoor life at whatever level they are capable. Ebikes are certainly no hazard to anyone. Also, if I were younger, I couldn't imagine taking my children on a ride without the assistance of an ebike.	2/24/2018 8:45 PM
507	I think only class 1 e bikes should be allowed on the rec path	2/24/2018 8:40 PM
508	Older people use e bikes so the speed issue isn't a problem.	2/24/2018 6:12 PM
509	I own and ride an e-bike. I believe it is no more dangerous to other rec path users than regular bicycles.	2/24/2018 6:11 PM
510	Colorado is an active place and e-bikes encourage fitness for all ages and rehabilitation after an injury. Leonard Zinn, Greg Lemond, and Davis Finney all ride e-bikes. They are quiet, support active and environmentally friendly commuting, and don't go faster than a fit cyclist.	2/24/2018 5:51 PM
511	I would just hope the riders of these bikes are respectful on the paths. I see this as a great thing for older members of our community to be able to handle the hills, but I primarily run on the rec paths and don't like the idea of getting buzzed by clueless tourists and people using them for "sport."	2/24/2018 4:59 PM

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512	recreational paths are for recreation not for powered transportation. The paths are crowded enough with bicyclists and peds. More traffic would increase accidents and decrease safe recreational use for riders and walkers/joggers	2/24/2018 4:51 PM
513	The biggest reason they should not be allowed is to protect cyclists, walkers, and runners. Currently, it's hard enough for all three of these sport enthusiasts to respect the pathway, yield when needed and pass when safe. Adding e-bikes would be a nightmare in trying to quickly decide who has the right-of-way, when to pass, etc. Because e-bikes are motorized, the safest place for them is in the street.	2/24/2018 4:44 PM
514	Allowing e-bikes on the path would put a lot of people with no riding experience on our bike paths endangering themselves and others. Handling a bike safely on a public path requires skill learned through peddling. The paths are not an amusement park.	2/24/2018 3:07 PM
515	Class I ebikes should be allowed everywhere	2/24/2018 2:45 PM
516	The bike paths are already experiencing over crowding as front rangers flood into "Denver West". Adding e-bikes would overwhelm the paths and reduce/eliminate their value for exercise.	2/24/2018 2:35 PM
517	Anything we can do to get people out of their cars is great. But somehow we need to increase the carrying capacity of the bike paths if we want to add a new user group. (I was on the original bike path planning group, we never saw this coming back in the 1980's)	2/24/2018 2:02 PM
518	For many people an Ebike is a way to enjoy cycling when they otherwise couldn't because of altitude, uphill recpaths, and age. Locals use ebikes for commuting through town. I think there is more danger to those on the bikes riding on the roads, especially Highway 9.	2/24/2018 1:58 PM
519	I have ridden many different kinds of E-Bikes. Allowing Class 1 bikes on all paved path sections poses no safety or experiential concerns to other path users.	2/24/2018 1:48 PM
520	Just like bicycles, ebikes are a safe and environmentally friendly form of transportation. Just like any self powered or motor assisted device(skateboards, ebikes, etc.) users need to share the red path responsibly.	2/24/2018 1:27 PM
521	i support e-bike use on the Rec Paths for those with Disabilities	2/24/2018 1:06 PM
522	I have encountered ebikes riding illegally on the rec path several times. They do not belong there and how will that be policed?	2/24/2018 1:04 PM
523	Anything that gets people on bikes, including e-bikes is great for a biking culture. Goof for health, environment and brings tax paying visitors to the county. Avid road biker and I think it is great to see more use of all types of bikes. Please make it legal on the rec path. We want summit to be know as a bike enthusiasts town!	2/24/2018 1:02 PM
524	Thanks so much for considering this.	2/24/2018 1:00 PM
525	Thanks for taking the time and consideration for allowing ebikes on the rec paths!	2/24/2018 12:56 PM
526	There are already lots of accidents on the rec paths, most of which probably are unreported. E-bikes will encourage many more people who are not used to riding bikes to use the paths, making them less safe for everyone else.	2/24/2018 12:49 PM
527	I could see the logic of allowing e-bikes on up hill sections of the bike path, such as Vail Pass or Swan Mtn., but then they dump back into the rest of the system where the motor assist is not needed. You also are then adding to a dangerous situation where up hill riders are capable of doing 20 mph, crossing with inexperienced riders coming down on rental bikes that took a shuttle to the top of Vail Pass because they aren't skilled or strong enough to ride up the hill. I don't know if there is a "speed limit" on the county paths, but I have seen 15 mph limits on other paths where multiple uses exist. How would you limit the e-bikes from exceeding safe speed limit in narrow or winding sections?	2/24/2018 12:49 PM
528	Because of E-bikes, my wife and several friends -- all over 65 years old or with back problems -- are able to enjoy cycling after years of abstinence. The smiles on their faces are so wide you'd think they would split. The rec paths are for everyone to enjoy, and E-bikes will extend that enjoyment to a group of users that would otherwise not be able to experience this great resource. In my experience, E-bikes are not the source of too much speed (particularly downhill). A biker's common sense and responsibility are what keeps the rec path safe. I personally have seen more problems with lycra-clad road bikers than with E-bikers.	2/24/2018 12:47 PM

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529	I believe the Class I e-bike will still cater to bikers who want to continue to bike into later years. This class will also assist visitors who are bikers but the altitude and terrain prevents them from the sport they love. The Class II e-bike, although great for non biking visitors may increase traffic too much on the path. Not sure of their top speed but possibly limiting to 15mph (instead of 20mph) would help to prevent speed demon accidents. This would allow the current e-bike shops providing Class II bikes to maintain/build revenue/taxes keeping our county thriving.	2/24/2018 12:16 PM
530	Lots of baby boomers who have had orthopedic or health issues would like to continue to be active, but can no longer do the hills that are everywhere in Summit county, the class 1 assist would allow them to continue to enjoy biking.	2/24/2018 12:06 PM
531	Please allow ebikes. I don't think anyone does 20mph. I average 10-12, same as when I used a regular bike. I love to be outdoors and with an ebike I can again enjoy the outdoors.	2/24/2018 11:40 AM
532	Hopefully, e-bike riders can access charging stations along their routes.	2/24/2018 11:27 AM
533	e-bikes are a way for those that are not quite as physical to ride with those that are	2/24/2018 11:20 AM
534	I will not be able to attend the meeting on Wednesday so this is my only shot to provide input. I am a strong supporter of allowing ebikes on our rec paths. I feel the pros far outweigh any potential cons. A few considerations: 1. Supports a green initiative. Locals can opt to commute more frequently via ebike than a car. 2. Safety - biking on the road can be dangerous. Providing access on our rec paths will reduce risk. 3. Increases accessibility - the ebike can help expose more of what summit county has to offer in terms of our natural beauty to both locals and tourists that may be limiting otherwise. I personally have experience riding a road bike, mountain bike and an ebike. Many of the people that are avid road bikers are vehemently against ebikes. When I ask them about reasons why they are against them I am often given very weak arguments that simply boil down to the fact that they just don't like the idea. I've even heard weak arguments that 'it's cheating.' For me this is just an example of people that are unwilling to accept something that's just simply different (not better, not worse, different). The two biggest arguments I hear are concerns around safety and congestion. Regarding safety, there is no difference between an ebike and traditional road bike. The ebike will not engage the motor at all at speeds greater than 20mph. Anyone who bikes regularly understands that 20 MPH is not an excessive speed and that where significant risk is involved is at higher speeds which is irrelevant to the ebike conversation at that point. More, I feel allowing ebikes on the rec paths actually increases safety, as the risk of accident increases substantially when forced to only ride on roads. Regarding congestion on the bike path, I can only say this is an unknown and will take time to understand the impact. Being a full time resident of summit county who utilizes our trail system extensively, I can't see this being an issue any time in the near future. That said, as with anything, we can assess and make adjustments if warranted. For example, an area of potential congestion may be from tourists and the increase of rentals of bikes. One idea here to address the concern is to implement a licensing model for commercial ebike rentals. These proceeds can be used for path maintenance, etc. Overall I am a strong advocate for allowing ebikes on our rec paths. The advantages far outweigh any potential negatives and ultimately will increase tourism options, accessibility, and decrease fossil fuel usage. Thank you all for addressing this topic.	2/24/2018 10:58 AM
535	Class I ebikes are a consideration but a fully motorized throttled ebikes are a safety concern to me and opens the door to more motorized vehicles..	2/24/2018 10:15 AM
536	I don't think e-bikes provide any recreation or fitness for those that are able to pedal bikes. It's too dangerous and not the intended purpose of the rec trail. Maybe if the bikes were limited to say 10 where the rider has to actually pedal to get up to 15, then maybe. But we also know people cheat. Thus, senior or disabled only for now.	2/24/2018 10:09 AM
537	It should be made more clear to all involved that ADA provides for e-bike access to individuals with disabilities, including breathing issues such as asthma. The RecPath is a great asset for Summit County. Thank you for continuing to explore this question.	2/24/2018 9:56 AM
538	The bike path should be accessible to everyone.	2/24/2018 9:53 AM

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539	E-Bikes provide a form of mobility that offer the following benefits to its users, as well as, to the environmental and economic impact this form of transportation provides. It is a less expensive and more beneficial environmental form of transportation than the predominant use of motor vehicles. An E-Bike can provide the means to sustain, prolong, and even improve one's physical health when impairments of aging, injury, or stamina may otherwise curtail or end one's ability to remain physically active. E-Bikes allow an individual to tailor their exercise/recreation in alignment with their physical capacities, and can allow one to participate with others in a cycling experience. The E-Bike offers a person an increased range of travel whereby its use can take individuals to other parts of the county to enjoy the local attractions there. The demographics of E-Bike users tends in the direction of an older population with discretionary incomes whose distribution throughout the county is beneficial.	2/24/2018 9:44 AM
540	We live in the Mountains to enjoy fresh air and not encourage continuously motorized accessories	2/24/2018 8:57 AM
541	It is dangerous for all involved. E bikes have no business on a rec path used for walking, biking, skating, etc. If this is approved, where does it end?	2/24/2018 8:56 AM
542	I'd recommend banning type 2 bikes in all cases. If someone can't put it minimal effort then maybe they shouldn't be out there. Thanks for taking a thoughtful approach on this.	2/24/2018 7:56 AM
543	I think once the decision is made where e-bikes are allowed it should be enforced. Stick not carrot	2/24/2018 4:13 AM
544	E bikes are not faster than most of the bikes on the recpath. They are not noisy. At almost 10,000 feet of elevation it is a great tool for those of us who are a little older, a little heavier and with asthma to enjoy Summit county, exercise and get healthier.	2/23/2018 11:41 PM
545	E-Bikes should never, ever be allowed anywhere in summit county. They are unlicensed motorcycles. They will be piloted by people who have no concept of how to share a bike path, or any concept of how dangerous they are. Ban them from every rec path, every trail and really they should be banned from roads as well, since they aren't licensed motor vehicles.	2/23/2018 10:41 PM
546	Road cyclists already go super fast relative to walkers, skateboarders, and people just tooling around on the bike path on various, non-motorized mediums. Our roads aren't that busy, if you have an e-bike, just use the road. Also yes encouraging people to bike commute to work is great but it's really only plausible a short time of the year. i find it hard to believe that people up here are even going to be in the market for e-bikes... but i'm not super wealthy so what do i know except that my opinions don't really matter.	2/23/2018 10:33 PM
547	I love this pathway system. It is so crowded already. E bikes will contribute to overcrowding (it will add users not replace existing users). And the pathways are not large enough to safely support the use of motorized bikes .	2/23/2018 10:17 PM
548	If there is a law...it should maybe be a speed limit. As long as its not a moped or going 60 mph what is the real difference.	2/23/2018 9:25 PM
549	e-bikes can use on road bike lanes. Bike paths should remain for non-motorized	2/23/2018 9:12 PM
550	Our bike paths are too crowded as is, ebikes are too fast and dangerous	2/23/2018 8:03 PM
551	E-Bikes provide a way for older or physically impaired people to continue enjoying the exercise and social interaction later in life, both of which have a very positive physical and mental effect on our quality of life as we get older.	2/23/2018 7:34 PM
552	I am a senior and more seniors and people may ride the paths if e bikes are allowed. Altitude and steep grades are two main reasons e bikes can be helpful to all	2/23/2018 6:55 PM
553	It is getting harder to find places to recreate in this county that aren't packed with people. I am afraid e-bikes will make rec paths dangerously crowded. Have you considered four lane paths!	2/23/2018 5:59 PM
554	E-bikes are great for getting people out of their cars and reducing pollution. Allow them on the roads and city streets but not on the rec path except for ADA use. The rec path is for exercise. E-bikes are not exercise.	2/23/2018 5:39 PM
555	The bike path is already SO crowded. Another use is just even more people adding to a crowded resource.	2/23/2018 5:24 PM
556	Love, Love, Love the Summit County Rec Path. Its a huge draw for families and baby boomers. Please take steps to make the rec paths more accessible to all (e.g. allow class 1 e-bikes) and expand the paths. I brag about the rec path to all I meet. It's the reason we bought a second home and spend summers and fall in Summit county.	2/23/2018 5:24 PM
557	Allow e-bikes on roads, but not on the bike path and actually enforce the difference.	2/23/2018 5:22 PM

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558	I think there should be e-bike specific rules/regulations stating that all manual bike rules/regulations should be followed and reiterate that voice or sound notification of passing is mandatory - as it should be for all bike path users.	2/23/2018 5:00 PM
559	E bikes are used in Europe on their bike paths. Folks of all ages are riding and enjoying their travels. We are so far behind this biking thing.	2/23/2018 4:54 PM
560	There is no reason to limit them and with the newer bikes from Trek and others the batteries are incorporated within the frame of the bike and very few people can tell if it is an e bike until the hear the faint whirring of the motor.	2/23/2018 4:30 PM
561	With businesses renting E-Bikes to tourists, my concern is that the bike path will become less safe with riders who are likely beginner E-Bike users on the Rec Path.	2/23/2018 4:20 PM
562	I bought my bike three years ago. I do ride the bike path. I get passed by road bikes. I will not ride on Hwy 9.	2/23/2018 4:20 PM
563	E-bikes should be allowed for people with disabilities or of an age where pedaling up hills has become more difficult. Class 1 e-bikes fit this criteria. I don't think that average young people should be able to rent the Class 2 bikes and get a free ride when they should be pedaling for exercise. Some of our Summit Seniors have been riding the rec paths for years, but now need and assist to get up certain hills. It would allow them to keep riding with their friends and remain active.	2/23/2018 4:05 PM
564	Dog walkers have an issue with bikes on the path now and trying to get their dogs aside as it is. E-bikes will just make the sharing of the path that much more difficult.	2/23/2018 3:53 PM
565	Have biked in Europe often where evokes are common. There was no problem sharing Rec paths with these riders!	2/23/2018 3:41 PM
566	dangerous, to all using the path. People are not aware of their surroundings and are all ready causing accidents	2/23/2018 3:06 PM
567	Please, do not allow e-bikes on the RecPath!	2/23/2018 2:59 PM
568	As a bike rental owner (avalanche sports), I cannot stress how strongly I feel that e-bikes should not be allowed on the bike paths in Summit County. Many of the people we rent our path bikes have not been on any type of bicycle in years. Occasionally, we even recommend against using our bikes. E bikes are a motorized vehicle which will be operated by novice people creating a very unsafe bike path. Especially, from Breckenridge To Frisco. They also will be able to maintain unsafe speeds uphill.	2/23/2018 2:45 PM
569	Used an e-bike in Boulder for five years. Never a problem for me or anyone else. SC altitude and all of the bike paths would make e-bike use a very positive experience.	2/23/2018 2:35 PM
570	this is dangerous and irresponsible, the rec paths are crowded enough with families shoulder to shoulder not paying attention to other riders	2/23/2018 2:30 PM
571	i like to ride my e bike on all pathways in summit county	2/23/2018 2:24 PM
572	It seems like a nice idea for our visitors that bike but may not be able to at this altitude. It coule be the high light of their vacation here. It doesn't seem like it would pose a danger to others unlike the folks that take transportation up to Vail Pass and then try to bike down without hurting themselves or others.	2/23/2018 2:19 PM
573	We have seen folks on ebikes on rec paths. These folks are usually not experienced or equip to handle a bicycle at the speeds the ebikes can achieve.	2/23/2018 2:00 PM
574	Oh, I already said this in the last section. Mostly, E-Bikes are so enjoyable to ride, and with the ease of an E-Bike combined with the scenic route of the rec-path, it really makes for an ideal activity for someone who doesn't want to drive around town, but also doesn't want to physically strain themselves trying to bike around.	2/23/2018 1:51 PM
575	Might require County to upgrade paths by widening and better lining of lanes.	2/23/2018 1:08 PM
576	The rec path isn't just for bicycle use. With users walking, running, walking their dogs, strollers, etc...I just don't see how ebikes are safe.	2/23/2018 12:56 PM
577	ebikes will be on rec paths anyway. Just say you have disability and the bike path police? can't ask what it is.	2/23/2018 12:53 PM
578	If approved....consider having Ebikes only being permitted on certain days. Maybe do something like Centennial Cone. https://www.jeffco.us/1192/Centennial-Cone-Park	2/23/2018 12:13 PM

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579	I am ok with a little assistance for negotiating uphill, but I am concerned about the exploitation of more tours abusing this assistance to give groups uphill access only to fly downhill without skills.	2/23/2018 12:05 PM
580	Congestion is already an issue on the recpath system. Ebike purveyors care little about the experience of others on the recpaths and are simply looking for an easy way to get more people on the paths. Commuting on an eBike is more logical, but you simply can't differentiate between commuters and bike renters.	2/23/2018 12:03 PM
581	Battery assisted bicycles would be a real help in climbing the hills we have in Summit County, especially for seniors !	2/23/2018 11:54 AM
582	I would rather see bike lanes developed along some local roads and highways that allow regular non-motorized bikes (road, mountain, hybrid) as well as ebikes. The rec path is similar to the backcountry where non-motorized users do not want to share terrain with motorized users and there are separate areas for each. This should happen in Summit County with rec paths being the "slower" option to recreate and road & highway shoulders/lanes accomodating "faster" users as a separate option. Thanks!	2/23/2018 11:02 AM
583	My hesitation based on what I have seen anecdotally is that e-bikes allow riders to travel faster than their natural ability level allows which can take people outside of their ability to manage those speeds properly	2/23/2018 10:42 AM
584	There is currently a series in local paper on aging. Using an assisted ebike will allow many older individual to continue to exercise and enjoy our outdoor spaces. They are no more a hazard to our trails than the commercial operators that drop visitors of at top of pass and allow them to cruise down without regards to other trail users.	2/23/2018 10:37 AM
585	I have used an e-bike on several bike trips in Europe. It allowed me to experience the beauty of many beautiful places. I pedaled most of the time, enjoyed throttle occasionally.	2/23/2018 10:31 AM
586	Paths would need to be wider to allow all the passing for the faster e-bikes	2/23/2018 10:18 AM
587	Ebikes could be licensed to individuals for county use for better control. This would perhaps limit visiting tourists part of local commercial enterprises from renting them out and causing more summertime congestion on the paths. Ebikes (class I) should be allowable for folks with disabilities or older folks who would like to continue biking but have physical problems that preclude comfortable biking.	2/23/2018 10:08 AM
588	Ebikes support the senior element in Summit Co who live and work here. Again, the Spandex bike riders are more of an issue than ebikers	2/23/2018 10:03 AM
589	My brother-in-law is nearly blind and suffers a neurological disorder. The only means he has to get out of the house is an e-bike. I've seen them in action and they are not a harm to anyone. I don't want to see the poor deputies have to question if a person is disabled. If this allows more people a safer way to get to work or get outside, I'm all for it.	2/23/2018 9:50 AM
590	The rec paths are already over crowded and the pedestrian with or without dogs/strollers are crowded out by the bikers who think they own the path and feel it is a bike path not a rec path.	2/23/2018 9:48 AM
591	There already has been e-bike son rec path for several years now. They are much faster than they appear - especially going uphill. My experience is that the least experienced rider is using this assist to enjoy the county pathways, but the riskiest of riders.	2/23/2018 9:33 AM
592	I'm all for its use for the disabled but not for anyone who is capable of moving on their own power. I think it would be tragic to allow it. We are a very healthy community- let's keep it that way!	2/23/2018 8:52 AM
593	I am physically disabled an e bike allows me to stay active and healthy. Not able to walk more than a couple of blocks an ebike means more freedom to be independant.	2/23/2018 8:46 AM
594	E-bike users will be inexperienced and uneducated cyclists going faster than their their skill level dictates that they should go, thereby causing a danger to other cyclists.	2/23/2018 8:42 AM
595	1. Summit County Rec Path system is already extremely busy. The inclusion of eBikes (YES, motorized) would present a huge safety hazard for the many users. 2. Within a short time, eBikes (MTN) would be ridden off road (County & USFS System Trails), because MANY of the trails are accesses from the RecPath. Neither organization has the funds or the manpower to police the trails. I have already seen a large number of eMTNBikes on our trail system.	2/23/2018 8:18 AM

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596	There are already accidents every day during busy season of the summer due to sheer numbers and novice riders. Many people that come to the county are here for the health benefits and a good workout. Ebikes are good for folks who just want to a little workout and enjoy the outdoors, but that is a difficult mix to maintain everyones enjoyment. I realize getting folks out on a bike of any kind is great, but imagine how the mix of speeds and abilities are going to affect the positive experience for both groups. So then quality of the experience for everyone is going to decrease. I know the bike shops and out of shape tourists would be happy, but quality vs money and quality vs one timer experience.....let's keep the quality of the recreation as top priority and limit the electric bikes to streets or maybe just in town pathway in Breck and Keystone. Please!	2/23/2018 8:17 AM
597	Thank you for creating the survey so we can make our voices heard even if we can't go to the meeting.	2/23/2018 7:27 AM
598	Just no!	2/22/2018 11:32 PM
599	They are fun to ride	2/22/2018 11:27 PM
600	Concerned that persons with disabilities be allowed to enjoy our recpaths. In some cases this can only be done using an e-bike. Very common in Europe to enjoy the outdoors.	2/22/2018 11:10 PM
601	No way! The recreation path is for people to use to work out and enjoy via walk, run, or riding (as in do the work) a bike. No e-bikes!!	2/22/2018 10:26 PM
602	Please don't let Recpath become I-70.	2/22/2018 9:36 PM
603	E-bikes are quiet; class I e-bikes are generally ridden at slower speeds than many road bikes ridden on the rec path.	2/22/2018 9:25 PM
604	I was in Croatia on a bike trip where some older guests had e bikes. They are not loud or offensive and I was generally faster than they were except on the steepest ups. It would make cycling more accessible to out of town guests who struggle at altitude. I'm glad this question has finally come up	2/22/2018 9:11 PM
605	More paved lay-bys which would allow rest stops off the pavement would allow for more people on bikes, including ebikes, in greater safety. I love ebikes and hope at least class 1 are allowed.	2/22/2018 8:17 PM
606	I currently have 3 bikes: my townie, a road bike and a mountain bike. When I'm in my 60s and retired I'm guessing I'll prefer to have an ebike. Not everyone who comes to summit county is an extreme athlete. Ebikes will encourage more people to take advantage of the rec path	2/22/2018 8:03 PM
607	OK for use on all types of roads only No rec paths or I unpaved trails Hard to regulate speeds which can approach 30 mph on some models	2/22/2018 7:38 PM
608	With the amount of people visiting the county every year, I have serious concerns about seeing ebikes on the rec path. The rec path is already heavily used. As an owner of two ebikes, I am very knowledgeable about the power these bikes have and how quickly they can get up to speed. Once you allow them, the rental shops will all start carrying them and renting them. What was once a manageable rec path, will turn into a mass chaos of visitors speeding down the path. I feel that ebikes could be used on the path for commuting but not allow rental bikes companies to rent them. How would we manage that?	2/22/2018 7:31 PM
609	I am afraid it would be a gateway drug, and ppl would slowly branch off of the rec path onto singletrack trails. Also, the rec path in many places crosses USFS property, and they for now are not allowing eBikes on their trails, so I would prefer we have consistency across the different jurisdictions (towns, county, USFS, etc).	2/22/2018 7:00 PM
610	If eBikes, why not mopeds or motorcycles? Human power only.	2/22/2018 6:42 PM
611	Seriously, e-bikes are the worst.	2/22/2018 5:57 PM
612	E-bikes, just like the rental bikes that are dropped off at the top of Vail Pass, pose another risk on the bike paths. Most of these people are unaware of the risks involved while riding these twisty & fast routes. These people are generally not bike aware. They are looking at the scenery, taking selfies and riding too fast.	2/22/2018 4:56 PM
613	I am almost 70 with a total knee replacement and would ride in summit more if I could ride an Ebike. They are being used all over Europe and by approval of them on bike paths more seniors could enjoy the mountains more and go further distances.	2/22/2018 4:33 PM

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614	Rental bikes are generally used by novice riders; the rec paths are so crowded already, many of those being riders on rental bikes, adding a powered bike seems like a bad idea; if they were allowed, I would almost just take my chances on riding on the highways; I realize the rec paths are for everyone, but a novice rider at 20 mph is a recipe for disaster; most people ride at a mere fraction of that speed.	2/22/2018 4:25 PM
615	They are safe, quiet, and speed limited. They allow older folks to enjoy our wonderful county without bothering anyone. PLEASE DO NOT PROHIBIT THEIR USE ANY OF THE RECPATH!!	2/22/2018 4:05 PM
616	I think it opens biking to more people which is great. I already see a lot of danger on the bike paths with tourists and long boarders so if this causes more danger, e bikes should be limited to one area.	2/22/2018 3:29 PM
617	I'm just anti-regulation. My view of government is governments are supposed to provide services to their constituents, not regulate every aspect of their lives.	2/22/2018 3:25 PM
618	will be a huge safety hazard, especially to kids on the path. i don't live currently in summit county but was raised there and own property there and pay taxes there and visit there constantly.	2/22/2018 3:18 PM
619	E-Bikes should be considered motorized vehicles and restricted to places where motorized vehicles are allowed. They can ride on roads just fine; I ride my regular, human-powered bike on the roads all the time. Do not add to the congestion on our bike paths with e-bikes.	2/22/2018 2:54 PM
620	Our community is aging and often one spouse develops an orthopedic or cardiovascular problem that limits or prevents them riding. I see no reason to not allow an ebike that has assist limited to 20 mph. Current cyclists often travel faster than that.	2/22/2018 2:48 PM
621	my concern is if bike rentals are available to the general public and if they are not aware of the rules of the path, increased speed of an e-bike could be dangerous. That being said, I also think that it allows some users the opportunity to enjoy our beautiful bike paths that without the e-bike might not be available. I am really undecided, as I think all users should have access, but the risk for all could be great.	2/22/2018 2:22 PM
622	A friend who is very active, a senior, had spine surgery that created a nerve problem with her leg so that she cannot climb hills very well with a standard bike. The E-bike assist allows her to ride more than flat surfaces. I do not approve of E-bikes with a throttle.	2/22/2018 2:12 PM
623	No problems or issues are reported or stated in your survey or anywhere else. So, what are they?	2/22/2018 2:12 PM
624	My current concern is that the rec-path is already frequented by people with poor handling skills due to things like the Vail Pass shuttles. There are numerous accidents every year that result in people being severely injured. Making it easier for people with poor bicycle handling skills to travel at 20mph in already crowded areas will likely create a safety hazard for all path users.	2/22/2018 1:45 PM
625	As the population in Summit County ages I believe we need to be open to ways to keep active. I would like the option of using an e-bike. I would use discretion regarding when to ride it, based on high use times, etc. as I do now.	2/22/2018 1:43 PM
626	No e bikes	2/22/2018 1:36 PM
627	Bike path etiquette should be a required or more prominent to all users of the bike paths. Not sure how that is accomplished, but it would be great to have more educational elements to promote safety on the bike paths for all users.	2/22/2018 1:26 PM
628	Should allow, it's difficult for some people to enjoy our high altitude environment. It will help enable our visitors to get out and enjoy something that they otherwise might not get out and do because of age, physical fitness level, or hauling children behind them up hills.	2/22/2018 12:46 PM
629	Less cars the better off we are	2/22/2018 12:38 PM
630	Although people argue about the limited speed of ebikes and that they don't go any faster than a strong rider on a road bike, the truth is that most cyclist don't go that fast but ALL ebikers will be going that fast. Add the fact that it's difficult, visually, to distinguish a class 1,2, or 3 ebike (class 3 go 28 mph) class 3 ebikes will eventually be making the path even more unsafe.	2/22/2018 12:22 PM
631	It's a bike town or walk what's the challenge?	2/22/2018 11:55 AM
632	The only exception I'd make is for actual handicapped people. Not lazy, out of shape people.	2/22/2018 11:52 AM
633	This is a viable alternative to the traffic and parking miasma that chokes the streets and highways of Summit County; for the daily commuter, this is a vital option.	2/22/2018 11:20 AM

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634	Picture a family riding the rec path and everyone is happy and getting the exercise they need. Kids, parents, and grand parents. Maybe one had heart surgery. Any hill in summit would be too much. Anyone votes against this is jealous that they are getting passed by someone with less ability. Get over it for the goodness and love of biking. Bikes still need advocacy on the roads. People will die on the road when there was a wonderful bike trail they could have been on instead.	2/22/2018 10:52 AM
635	The rec paths are already congested and at times unsafe. There are many daily conflicts from regular (skilled) riders vs. tourists. E bikes would just put more unskilled riders on an already crowded path. It would then be safer to ride on the road than the rec path.	2/22/2018 10:25 AM
636	We must embrace the fact human activity is messing with the climate. I see ebikes as a way to divest from fossil fuels, they use less energy to get around and require less energy to produce compared to cars. I work at Alpine Sports and I think Thos McDonald is very interested in renting ebikes along with our other bikes during summer months. Finally, until you've tried riding one, honestly you really don't know anything - they're fun, harmless transportation we should, as a community, embrace! Cheers!	2/22/2018 9:39 AM
637	I have turned 180 degrees on this topic in the last year. As we fight congestion and traffic more and more in the summer, anything that encourages cleaner non combustion engine commuting is positive. As a frequent path user for exercise and commuting, I see ebikes nearly every single time I use the path, and it is rarely an issue. I do have serious reservations about e-bikes on natural surface paths (but I realize that is not the subject here!) I am curious how the regulation to allow class I but not class III will be regulated? I see as many if not more class III than class I, so I think it is a bit naive to think that the limitation will be followed.	2/22/2018 9:34 AM
638	I love to bike but run out of energy. The bike would allow me to go farther and get more exercise. Particularly help going up the dam which we have to do in silverthorne.	2/22/2018 9:16 AM
639	We should also allow them on unpaved trails also.	2/22/2018 12:16 AM
640	Thanks for the opportunity to voice my opinion.	2/21/2018 9:22 PM
641	Earns your turns	2/21/2018 8:30 PM
642	These bikes don't belong on hwy 9 or any heavily driven road to n the county	2/21/2018 8:10 PM
643	The current infrastructure of the rec-path does not allow for the added speed and user numbers required to maintain the level of space needed for safety. I believe we would need to double the path's width to allow for this user group to exist safely.	2/21/2018 7:20 PM
644	they are a bicycle which provide help. I see people with road bike going 2 time faster and nobody say anything.	2/21/2018 6:24 PM
645	If e-bikes are not allowed on the RECPATH, the only way for an e-bike rider to get from Frisco to Copper Mountain would be to ride on I-70, which is simply crazy. Similarly, from Frisco to Breck would require riding on CO 9. E-bike riders are mostly senior citizens or less-able people who just want to keep up with their spouses. E-bikes don't go any faster than regular bikes - they are just easier to pedal. Allowing e-bikes will allow many people who can no longer ride a traditional bike up steep inclines at altitude to continue to enjoy the trails. At the open house in Boulder two weeks ago, almost all of the attendees were older people (in their 60s and 70s) who just wanted to be able to ride again.	2/21/2018 6:11 PM
646	I am an avid cyclist and it would be great for my wife to enjoy riding with me on long rides by having the ability to use class one pedal assist to do so	2/21/2018 5:59 PM
647	E-bikes are coming, whether we regulate them or not.	2/21/2018 5:24 PM
648	By definition to be considered handicapped one must be unable to walk 200 ft I can do that. But I have diabetes which is trying to kill me and a pacemaker which keeps me alive. I use pedal assist only to make the grades I use to ride with ease. I use a step thru bike since arthritis makes me unable to swing my leg onto a standard bike. I am 75 years old, weigh 150 and go to the gym every day I don't ride. I just need a bit of assistance which my e bike provides. I am not lazy nor a slacker! Sincerely Chet Werstsk	2/21/2018 4:53 PM
649	As someone who uses our pathway systems 5-6 days a week I feel there is already not enough safety for cyclist. There is a vast mix of users from beginners to pros with all different riding styles. Adapting to this mix of use is already tough enough and takes a little fun out of riding so cautiously on our amazing paths. Adding motorized e-bikes would just add more safety concern.	2/21/2018 3:23 PM

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650	For seniors, electric bikes offer the option of seeing the beauty of Colorado without being limited to pedaling on flat roads only. The reasons that my husband and I bought E bikes was to be able to bike in the mountains once again as we get older. We live in Boulder and E bikes have been encouraged and the population has even been incented to buy them, (The city of Boulder offers discounts on purchasing E bikes) as they eliminate road congestion, and allow an older population to be able to continue cycling and Enjoy all the recreational paths that the city has to offer.	2/21/2018 3:22 PM
651	e-bikes will increase number of people commuting to work and relieve vehicular traffic	2/21/2018 2:56 PM
652	Summit county should come into line with the state law. It is well considered and a sensible approach to the use of ebikes on paved rec paths	2/21/2018 2:54 PM
653	e-bikes are a great way for those that are not in to the "cycling scene", still enjoy biking and all that our county has to offer.	2/21/2018 2:39 PM
654	Class 1 bikes are as safe as the rider. Any bike can be ridden by an irresponsible cyclist that goes too fast and doesn't respect other people. I think these bikes are great levelers for people to ride with friends and groups without the others having to compromise their workout for less fit riders, or people that don't have time to ride consistently, this allows them to get out and enjoy the countryside in a healthy way.	2/21/2018 2:33 PM
655	Summit County has a growing population of active seniors (55+) with money to spend in the county, including riding on rec path to have lunch and spend \$\$ in neighboring towns. They spend a large sum on property and sales taxes, some of which I assume goes to support the rec path. Many of these folks now have physical challenges and need a pedal assist bike to be able to enjoy the rec path. I do not know what the concern is for allowing Class 1 ebikes on the rec path. I assume it is speed and by limiting the speed of ALL wheeled users, including longboards, to say 20mph, the speed can be controlled. I have personally been passed by many non E-Bike users going far faster than 20 mph. There MUST be a consistent rec path rule throughout Summit County as it would be far too confusing to visitors or locals if each section of the rec path had different rules. Vail has embraced this and I strongly believe Summit County needs to also. E-Bikes are here to stay.	2/21/2018 2:19 PM
656	Should have to pay for a permit to use in county trail system, like a car tag	2/21/2018 2:02 PM
657	Only Class 1 ebikes should be allowed! I think it would also be good to consider requiring ebike riders to get a special tag of some sort to display. To get the tag, they must go to a visitor center or approved ebike rental shop and read and sign a document that has rules and best / safe practices about riding on the rec path. While I like Class 1 ebikes for the reasons I checked boxes for, safety on the paths is the most important thing. If we can educate people (and the tons of tourists that will rent them) I think we can make a safe environment for everyone. Other electric transportation devices should also be discussed and determined if use is acceptable or not...eskateboards, one wheels, and whatever else some company dreams up.	2/21/2018 1:45 PM
658	As the senior population of Summit County continues to grow, the county should be open to this relatively harmless accommodation to the needs of this group.	2/21/2018 1:03 PM
659	As Summit County ages (I am retiree, spending my money up here) making things accessible will be essential to its future financial prospects. We should be inclusive and not "age-ist".	2/21/2018 1:01 PM
660	Ebikes for assistance for folks compromised is fine. Motorized to terrorize the rest of us on the rec paths are not fine. Even some use of ebikes on trails should be considered. I have mountain bike friends who are compromised with lung issues and a little power assist keeps them out on the trails for fitness and fun.	2/21/2018 12:57 PM
661	My experience with e-bikes Class one is mostly on natural surface trails, but have witnessed others using e-bikes on cement pathways and really there is no difference and should be allowed.	2/21/2018 12:46 PM
662	We love biking in Summit County, and have done so for the last 25 years. We now own E bikes, and would like to be able to use them on the bike path.	2/21/2018 12:45 PM
663	We need class 2 please! The throttle-assist is important for me and other older riders or those with physical limitations who need a little extra help just to get an e-bike moving so they can help get the bike rolling in a controlled way so they can then start pedaling. We are not disabled by any means but need a throttle.	2/21/2018 11:50 AM
664	The bike paths are pretty congested and difficult to navigate as it is. E-bikes seem like they will only add another layer of confusion between bikers, dog walkers, joggers, etc., especially if ridden too fast by those not familiar with the bike path.	2/21/2018 11:41 AM

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665	I'm for class 1 pedal assist e bikes being allowed on our rec apth system. I own a bike shop at Copper and and have had a few pedal assist bikes in my rental fleet. Pedal assist e bikes allow people without the physical ability or who struggle with altitude to enjoy the rec path between vail pass and frisco. More access to pedal assist ebikes will also help reduce the traffic from Vail pass shuttles and decrease the pollution from these shuttles.	2/21/2018 10:48 AM
666	not sure if my last comments came thru so: to me the most danger on bike paths are the spandex crowd...they exceed the speed limit & never warn us they are coming - my e bike does not go over 20 plus I respect all speed limits as well ; the elevation is hard to deal with in Summit Co...E bikes allow us to get right out & get exercise without stressing our hearts & placing our health in danger; I am replacing my old bike that was already on your trails, with my E bike - so I am not doubling the traffic on your pathways; asking me to get in with the crazy tourist traffic instead of being allowed to use the rec paths, puts me in danger. The tourists are not looking for me, they are looking every which direction to see the beauty. Being on a path protects my safety more than requiring me to be in with the traffic. E bikes are everywhere in Europe - they are increasing in popularity & can be a wonderful part of tourism there in summit Co and other mountain communities throughout CO because they help us deal with the high elevations safely. Thanks	2/21/2018 10:27 AM
667	E Bikes, Sequeways and other motorized vehicles that do not require human exertion or supplement human exertion have their place in cities or motorized pathways. If the Rec Paths are truly for safe recreation separating those recreating from motorized vehicles then E Bikes and the associated other technologies should not be allowed on the rec paths. Thank you.	2/21/2018 9:57 AM
668	There are always articles, discussions, and comments about how the local recpaths are often overcrowded and dangerous so why act to increase use even more by approving ebike use.	2/21/2018 9:40 AM
669	People with disabilities should be able to continue using ebikes on the path. But allowing motorized bikes along the path for recreational users is a slippery slope. If you are able to ride a bike with out assistance you should feel blessed and embrace the challenge the path has to offer.	2/21/2018 9:22 AM
670	Ebikes couldn't be any more bothersome than all the strollers and dogs.	2/21/2018 9:14 AM
671	Speed differences between pedestrians and regular bikes are much greater than between bikes and ebikes and therefore more dangerous especially when users have their ears pkugged with headphones. Please post signs to "free an ear" and enforce it. That is way more dangerous than an ebike on the trail. Also: no gas engines (too noisy and smelly) and nothing too wide (like large trailers)	2/21/2018 12:03 AM
672	Needs signs to designate that walkers and cyclists go in the same direction. Walkers do not walk facing bike traffic.	2/20/2018 11:46 PM
673	We need to keep up with the times. Class I e-bikes are very popular in Europe. The key thing is that class I e-bikes help people continue to ride when they have health issues that might otherwise stop them from enjoying cycling.	2/20/2018 11:39 PM
674	ADA use ok	2/20/2018 10:51 PM
675	As long as they can't be powered to go over 20mph. I wouldn't want other motorcycles. Maybe include a horsepower limit.	2/20/2018 10:31 PM
676	I have visited other cities and states that allow e-bikes and excessive speed of these bikes on paths where pedestrians and standard bikes are is a major issue.	2/20/2018 9:48 PM
677	I think they should be legal. They will not affect other users.	2/20/2018 9:40 PM
678	We ride the path to stay off the roads and away from motorized vehicles and crowded areas. We also walk the Rex path to get from one end of Breck to the other. E bikes create a danger to both bicyclists and more importantly, to pedestrians.	2/20/2018 9:16 PM
679	Already said it	2/20/2018 8:19 PM
680	Why not allow them? Speed? Plenty of our locals can ride faster than an e-bike. If they cant be on the recpath, they will most likely ride on the road. We invite a lot of people here, lets help them get out to see things.	2/20/2018 8:03 PM

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681	As an avid cyclist who has recently encountered some health issues that have greatly reduced my ability to cycle, I would very much like to continue to cycle on the Summit County recpath. There are plenty of athletic cyclists who fly around on the recpath faster than they should without the aid of an e-bike. There are plenty of pedestrians who walk 4 abreast across the whole path, meandering very slowly and blocking other users. And there are plenty of walkers who step from the side of the path right into the path of oncoming cyclists without even looking first. So I don't see a pedal-assisted e-bike as some huge problem compared to some of the issues that already exist with a mixed use path.	2/20/2018 7:57 PM
682	If there is a concern about speed, then a speed limit should be posted for ALL bikes.	2/20/2018 7:51 PM
683	As I observe other non-assist cycles, I see many of the cyclists going far faster than 20 mph. It is the cyclist, not the cycle, that determines the safety of our bike paths.	2/20/2018 7:30 PM
684	Our rec paths are already busy and dangerous as it is. They are motorized and rec paths are for non motorized recreation. This opens the door to them wanting to ebike our mountain bike trails. Pedal or walk.	2/20/2018 7:19 PM
685	Type 1 ebikes May have a place but I don't think type 2 ebikes should be allowed. I already find Safety on our Rec paths a concern. I worry about what ebikes will do to that and possibly make it worse.	2/20/2018 7:08 PM
686	I don't really like the idea of ebikes on the recpath but they don't belong on the road. Bells, mirrors and brakes should be mandatory for all mechanical users. Plan for widening the path as usage increases for safer passing. Need more signage to promote safety.	2/20/2018 6:04 PM
687	I own an e-bike because I am not a regular cyclist. I find that cyclist ride their bikes much faster than I would ever ride my e-bike. I think that the e-bikes (class 1), are a great way for those that are aging to stay active and to get around easily.	2/20/2018 5:55 PM
688	Our county prides itself on outdoor recreation and the fitness of our residents. Allowing eBikes on our recpaths goes against the fundamental reason they exist - to promote exercise and a healthy lifestyle. I am also concerned about the increased speeds among non-experienced cyclists and anticipate more serious accidents.	2/20/2018 5:54 PM
689	Just like to all rec-path use, user common sense is needed and unfortunately is hard to monitor. Regular bikers, walking public, hikers, fisherpeople, dog walkers and just about anyone who used the rec paths need to respect other users. Some do and some sure do not. E-bikes won't add or detract from proper use but just might encourage more commuting. Just think if there were e-bike pick-up and drop-off locations all through the county at various hubs.	2/20/2018 5:40 PM
690	They could take over, especially if marketed by local rental companies.	2/20/2018 5:25 PM
691	I am not in favor of this on ANY recpath in Summit County. The path system here is already very crowded on the weekends. Adding ebikes will further crowd the system with users that are generally clueless to recpath safety and awareness. I believe that allowing ebikes would result in serious problems in the heavily used portions of the recpath system such as the area around Dillon Marina/Amphitheatre, the Frisco-Breckenridge route, Keystone, and Vail Pass.	2/20/2018 5:09 PM
692	Local recpaths are already hazardous for casual family style bikers. Ebikes will allow more people with less biking skills to go faster, creating even more danger for recreational users.	2/20/2018 5:01 PM
693	No e-bikes please.	2/20/2018 4:57 PM
694	Anything that will get people out to enjoy our beautiful County should be encouraged, including e-bikes. If this allowance of e-bikes eventually results in overcrowding of rec paths, I recommend limiting e-bike usage to Class 1 types only.	2/20/2018 4:51 PM
695	The RecPath is for recreation. Ebikes do the work for you, so they are more of a form of joyriding than a form of recreation. Use by disabled users is OK.	2/20/2018 4:50 PM
696	I believe they should be allowed if you have a disability.	2/20/2018 4:47 PM
697	For individuals with handicaps or simply not the strength to pedal around our county, I feel they should have an E-Bike option. I would prefer the class I, must pedal and not class II, but once again, I hate to restrict to those that might need additional options.	2/20/2018 3:20 PM