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1. E-Bikes

Mr. John C. Overstreet

Posted 17 days ago

Good afternoon,

We have had a lot of interest lately in E-bikes utilizing our trails. The issue is that our conservation and/or trail easements do not allow such bikes on our trails system (65 miles). I would like to see how others have addressed this issue; whether through working with the land trust on amending the conservation agreement, educating bike shops that E-bikes are not allowed, etc. Any guidance would be helpful.

Thanks

JO

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2. **RE: E-Bikes**

*Wayne Wilcox*

Posted 17 days ago

This will be a thorny issue for another decade or so, as e-bikes evolve and segregate into categories. Some e-bikes probably will only give a modest boost while pedaling, while others will be almost like mopeds and scooters: plenty of zip with minimal rider effort. E-bikes might be of great benefit in getting people onto bikes, but they also could be dangerous by having unique operating parameters and impacts.

The trail management challenge will be to communicate a clear bar above which e-bikes are regulated differently from pedalbikes. Further, rules and regulations for bikeways and trails vary among neighboring localities, and some localities might manage some of their trails differently from others. This can add up to a very confusing mish-mash of dos and don'ts, which could leave e-bike users ignoring all of them.

So maybe that's not so much an answer as a warning.

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3. RE: E-Bikes

Ms. Dianne L. Hoover, CPRP

Posted 13 days ago

The State of California just passed a law allowing certain E-Bikes to be used on designated bike trails throughout the state, even though the trails are designated as nonmotorized. Our city attorney is trying to define the uses, but it is confusing.

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Original Message

4. RE: E-Bikes

Mr. John C. Overstreet
Dianne,

Thanks; we've heard that California is dealing with the issue as well. Would love to hear what your city attorney's opinion is on this matter.

John

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I believe that individuals with mobility limitations/disabilities would be permitted to use E-bikes on non-motorized trails per Dept. of Justice ruling re: Other Powered Mobility Devices under ADA. Just a consideration as your department contemplates a policy.

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6. RE: E-Bikes

Mr. Donnie Underwood, CPRP

Posted 11 days ago

Good Morning,

We also follow Mr. Young's perspective on the matter. We treat E-Bikes, Scooters, battery charged bicycles, and the like the same per local and state Code; they are artificially powered. Unless an individual has an official ADA placard as well as a vehicle tag for ADA as issued by the state Dept. of Motor Vehicles, artificial powered apparatuses are prohibited.

Hope this helps

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