# UTAH'S E-BIKE LAW &



### UTAH'S E-BIKE LAW FOR THE ROAD

- » E-bikes are regulated like bicycles. The same rules of the road apply to both e-bikesand human-powered bicycles.
- » E-bikes are not subject to the registration, licensing or insurance requirements that apply to motor vehicles.
- » Utah designates three classes of e-bikes, and distinguishes lower speed electric bicycles that reach motor-assisted speeds of up to
- 20 miles per hour, from higher "speed pedelecs" which have motors that provide assistance up to 28 miles per hour.
- » E-bikes are allowed on bike paths but not on sidewalks.

#### **eMTB GUIDELINES**

- » On federal, state, county and local trails, e-mountain bike (eMTB) access varies significantly.
- » Generally, any natural surface trail that is designated as open to both motorized and non-motorized uses is also open to eMTBs.
- » eMTBs may not be allowed on trails managed for non-motorized activities.
- » Do not ride your eMTB in areas where the local rules are unclear. Ride legally and only on authorized trails to show that mountain bikers are responsible trail users.
- » When in doubt, ask your local land manager about access to specific trails. Local land rules change frequently.

## **CHECK OUT**

- » A map of great eMTB rides at peopleforbikes.org/emtb
- » eMTB "Adventures" at peopleforbikes.org/e-bikes

# **UTAH'S E-BIKE LAW FOR TRAILS**

- » LOCAL: Consult your local land management agency.
- » STATE: Utah State Parks allows electric bikes on non-motorized trails open for bikes. Contact Utah State Parks for more information.
- » FEDERAL: On federal lands, eMTBs are considered motorized vehicles and have access to motorized trails. Contact the U.S. Forest Service Intermountain Regional Office or the BLM Utah State Office Bend National Park for more information.

### **GREAT eMTB RIDES IN UTAH**

- » Slickrock Moab | 10.7 miles
- White Rim Moab | 100 miles
- » Alpine Loop
  Aspen Grove | 10.9 miles
- » Abajo Loop Monticello I 14.2 miles

# With an e-bike, bicyclists can ride more often, farther, and for more trips.

Electric bicycles are designed to be as safe as traditional bicycles, do not compromise consumer safety, and benefit bicyclists who may be discouraged from riding a traditional bicycle due to limited physical fitness, age, disability or convenience.

In many states, e-bikes are regulated under antiquated laws primarily aimed at combustion engine vehicles such as mopeds or scooters. PeopleForBikes is clarifying state laws governing the use of e-bikes in the U.S. Every state's law is different, but the objective is to ensure that low-speed e-bikes are regulated similarly to traditional, human-powered bicycles.



# Learn more at PeopleForBikes.org/e-bikes

- » Blogs and webinars
- » E-bike laws around the country
- » E-bike statistics and research
- » Buying guide
- » Retailer materials
- » eMTB management resources

<sup>\*</sup>The following Utah laws are referenced: Utah Code § 41-6a-102 (7-9, 16); § 41-6a-1115.5; § 41-6a-1505.