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E-Bikes Public Process Project Roaring Fork & Colorado River Valley

Multi-Jurisdictional and Agency Team Launch Effort to Gather Public Opinion

PITKIN/GARFIELD/EAGLE COUNTIES – Pitkin County Open Space and Trails, in conjunction with the Roaring Fork Transportation Authority (RFTA), is asking for public input on the use of e-bikes on hard-surfaced (paved) bike paths from New Castle to Aspen. The public comment period is from March 19 – April 20, 2018. Input will be collected via [electronic surveys](#), paper surveys and comment cards. This input will help shape a recommendation to the RFTA Board of Directors on whether and where to allow class 1 and 2 e-bikes.

Class 1 e-bikes provide electrical assistance only while the rider is pedaling. Electrical assistance stops when the bicycle reaches 20 mph. Class 2 e-bikes provide electrical assistance regardless of whether the rider is pedaling or not. Again, electrical assistance stops when the bicycles reaches 20 mph. Currently, class 1 and 2 e-bikes are only permitted on the Rio Grande Trail between Two Rivers Park in Glenwood Springs and the Emma Road intersection in Basalt.

“The goal of the project is centered around transparent public outreach with involvement from all affected jurisdictions to see if a consistent regulation on class 1 & 2 e-bike usage can be recommended to all jurisdictions,” said Gary Tennenbaum, Director of Pitkin County Open Space and Trails. “All feedback will be gathered and presented to the local jurisdictions with a potential recommended regulation in May or June.”

COMMUNITY MEET-UPS & DEMOS – APRIL:

Interested individuals are invited to join one of five informational and outdoor demo events:

- Carbondale - Apr.4, 4-6 p.m. - Town Hall/Rec Center: the shade pavilion next to Rio Grande Trail
- New Castle - Apr.5, 5-7 p.m. - Lakota Rec Center: parking lot
- Aspen – Apr.10, 4-6 p.m. – Aspen Rec Center: parking lot
- Glenwood Springs - Apr.11, 4-6 p.m. - Behind GWS High School along the Rio Grande Trail
- Basalt - Apr.12, 4-6 p.m. – Next to Basalt High School parking lot along the Rio Grande Trail

These meet-ups will have information on e-bikes, demos, staff on hand to answer questions, surveys, comment cards and refreshments.

FOR MORE PROJECT INFORMATION, ELECTRONIC SURVEY & COMMENT SUBMISSIONS:

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ABOUT THE E-BIKE ROARING FORK + COLORADO RIVER VALLEY PROJECT

The primary objective of this project is to collect public opinion regarding class 1 & 2 e-bike usage on paved trails. The summary of this input will help the project team make a recommendation for consistent regulations on all paved trails throughout the regional trail system.