eMTB Adventure: Reno-Flag-Bear  
Crested Butte, Colorado

OVERVIEW:
Crested Butte, Colorado lies at the heart of the West Elk Mountain Range. It is one of the founding homes of mountain biking, a place that should be on every rider’s bucket list. The area’s long history of shared-use trails opens many classic Crested Butte rides to eMTB exploration, including Reno/Flag/Bear/Deadman’s Gulch. This 18-mile loop travels through the backcountry between Cement Creek and Spring Creek drainages, twice topping out at over 11,000’ as it roller-coasters up and down the Reno Divide.

DIRECTIONS TO TRAILHEAD:
From Gunnison, take Hwy 135 (Main St) north for 20.3 miles to Cemet Creek Road. Turn right and drive 6.9 miles to Deadman Gulch Trailhead.

PLEASE FOLLOW THESE GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR RESPONSIBLE EMTB RIDING:
On federal, state, county and local trails, eMTB access varies significantly.

Generally speaking, any natural surface trail designated for both motorized and non-motorized use is 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. When in doubt, ask your local land manager about access, since local land rules change frequently.

PeopleForBikes and the Bicycle Product Suppliers Association are working to promote better access to eMTBs. It is critical that eMTB riders ride legally and only on authorized trails to show that mountain bikers are responsible users.