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Comments: I am writing on behalf of a group of mostly senior mountain bikers, currently 162 folks strong, in Summit County, Co. We are very active trail users, riding in smaller groups 3-4 times a week throughout the riding season. Because we use our trails a lot and because we know the Dillon Ranger District of the White River National Forest has few resources to maintain our trail network, for the past 11 summers our group has devoted thousands of hours to trail maintenance and construction and have been the most potent force in Summit County for getting trail work done. I give you this info to show you we're part of the solution and not just a part of the problem. As our group has aged over the years, we now have several people that are riding Class 1 eMTB. Those bikes have given those riders a new lease on life on the trails and yet the e bikes they ride are no more destructive than any other mountain bike on those trails. And as our group continues to age and have other health issues, more and more of us will turn to class 1 e bikes as the answer to keep us active and outdoors on the trails we love. We do not support the use of Class 2 and 3 e bikes on natural surface trails, particularly singletrack trails, unless those trails are designated for motorized use.

So our recommended position on e bikes is to classify Class 1 eMTBs as any other non-motorized mountain bike, allowed on any trail open to mountain bikes. For Class 2 and 3 e bikes, authorize their use only on trails already designated as moto trails. We certainly do not advocate or want current non-motorized trails to be redesignated for moto use just to accommodate any class of eMTB. To do so will lead to ever more user conflicts between hikers, mountain bikers, and moto users.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Attached is our member list.