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Comments: Class 1 Ebikes should be allowed on any trail that allows bicycles. Class 1 Ebikes do no more damage to trails than standard mountain bikes, and less than some "fat-tire" non-electric mountain bikes. Weight is often cited as a reason to restrict their access, but that makes no sense. Modern Ebikes tend to weigh between 45-60lbs, approximately 15lbs more than a standard mountain bike and well within a standard deviation of weight of the typical rider; in other words, the average weight of the typical eBike + rider is in almost all cases comparable to the average weight of standard mountain bike + rider.

If the intent to restrict eBike use is not about weight but rather about increased usage (i.e. eBikes bring people to use trails who otherwise wouldn't use trails) then the solution should be more trails, not more restrictions.

I see no logical reason why class 1 eBikes would cause problems for bicycle trails that standard bikes don't. Further, eBikes are becoming so commonplace that restricting their use would be an exercise in futility.