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Comments: Use of class 1, "pedal assist" e-bikes should be able to be used on all human-powered biking trails.

As an owner of both a regular pedal bike and a class 1 pedal assist "ebike" I do not see the addition trail damage those who do not nor have ridden an ebike speak of. Class 1 ebikes are not motorcycles and do not drive themselves with a throttle. They are only assisting the rider by a given percent of his/her own power, therefore lessening the load or demand required to climb/ride. I am still a much faster rider on a regular bike, since most trail systems can only handle so much speed and a traditional bike is still much more agile and light. Class 1 bikes in the US sign off at 20 MPH and then you are pushing a 50+ pound bike, while great for climbing and traction, they are not easy to "throw around" and wreak havoc on trails.

The joy and amount of trail time I get with my ebike has changed me over these past few months. The freedom it gives me to ride in the heat (110-115 outside), and on those shorter days when I am riding after work and only have 45-55min to ride. The ebike has brought back the joy of riding for me, and I am a very solid rider. Yes I still love my regular bike, but more than not I am reaching for the ebike and the smiles it brings.

Thank you.