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Comments: Class 1 e-bikes should not be considered motorized vehicles. While the electric assist does not create a significant speed disparity between these and regular bikes uphill. The primary difference is it allows the rider to ride further or longer creating additional enjoyment of the outdoors. On downhills, the electric assist does not provide any advantage over a regular bike. Additionally, trails are not degraded by the use of an electric assisted bike any more than a regular bike. There have been studies conducted that support this claim:

 $https://b.3cdn.net/bikes/c3fe8a28f1a0f32317_g3m6bdt7g.pdf$

Please consider allowing class 1 e-bikes on the trails and not exclude a category of riders who love riding the trails as much as any other rider. There are a vast majority of riders in the US that don't fully understand what a class 1 e-bike is and relate them more towards the likes of dirt bikes which is not the case.