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Comments: As someone who has literally ridden tens of thousands of miles over my life I would very much like to see e-bikes treated no differently than a standard, mechanical or acoustic (whatever your terminology preference) bike. After struggling with a debilitating liver disease over the past two decades the only type of bike I can ride is an e-bike. Being able to get out and ride again has transformed my life and returned to me some semblance of a life that was taken from me due to undergoing two liver transplants.

Treating a class 1 e-bike like a motorized vehicle is an exclusionary attitude and not at all in line with the capabilities of the bike. These bikes do not cause any additional wear on the trails. You can't just "gun it" like an off-road motorcycle and spin the rear tire to tear up ground. And I don't understand why this is even a question. Does it have pedals? Does it use a chain or a belt to transfer energy from a human powered crank to the rear wheel? Do you have to pedal in order for the bike to move? Yes. Yes. And yes. It's just a bike. It should be treated no differently than a bike.