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Comments: To whom it may concern:

My partner and I are in our 40s and during this pandemic, we realized that we needed to find ways that would allow us get outside more. E-mountain biking has been an amazing addition in our life. It makes riding a bike fun and actually doable. I would never keep up with mountain biking if it wasn't for the electric peddle assist.

While I've only started this sport this summer, I was surprised and didn't understand why class 1 emtb aren't allowed on the same trails as any other bike. These bikes aren't any different than those bikes other than it actually allows me to ride the bike up hills instead of walking them. We surely aren't going speeds that would harm the trails or put other non e-bike users in harms way. Please allow Class 1 e-bikes on all trails that non e-bikes are allowed. We love the sport and would like to explore the great outdoors and get the exercise we so need but in a fun and not grueling way and the Class 1 e-bikes do just that. Please do not restrict!