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Comments: My experience and why I feel class 1 ebikes should be classified as just bicycles is ( and I ride regular mtb's, emtb's and dirt bikes, all three) the benefit to an emtb is not overall increased speed, especially going down hill. It solely compensates for my lack of fitness due to my age and injuries over my lifetime. I still get passed by the same people on flat ground or when going down hill. The only benefit is when I'm on an e mountain bike I can now make it up the uphills and I can ride much longer and farther than my fitness would otherwise allow. There is no throttle like on a dirt bike so there is no roost coming off my tires exiting corners damaging trails at all. On flat ground and down hill my speed is completely limited by my talent. And as far as exercise goes I actually get a much better all around workout on an ebike. Rather than being quickly exhausted due to my lack of cardio and then done, I'm now able to ride long enough to work my whole body and still get cardio, just over a longer, more enjoyable period. And lastly I think the idea of e mountain bikes being on the same trails as dirt bikes is just flat out not safe. Dirt bikes are extremely more capable in terms of both speed and the type of terrain. I just don't feel those two should be forced to share the same trails. And conversely I can't see any danger in ebikes and regular mountain bikes sharing the same trails. I'm excited to be able to ride longer and farther on an ebike. I'm out getting exercise that at my age I desperately need and I'm enjoying nature. The only advantage being is I can now make it up the hills that were previously limiting my ability to access new areas.