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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to express my opinion about Class 1 E-bike usage on non-motorized trails in the Tahoe Basin and throughout the US. I am a long-time mountain bicyclist. However, because of aging, my accessing the non-motorized trails around my home in north Tahoe is becoming more of a challenge. With my class 1 e bike I can continue to ride these trails in a safe and responsible way. From my experience, I do not believe that pedal assisted type 1 e-bikes present a danger to the integrity of the trail system itself nor to pedestrians, equestrians, or other bikers on the trail. I do not feel the same about type 2 & Dikes. I have been riding trails in the Tahoe and surrounding areas for over 25 years. I am now 76 years old and have had two back surgeries, open heart double bi-pass surgery and a cancer battle. I am still actively riding and have completed over 40 rides this year. Please allow me and others like me, to continue to have bicycle access to our backcountry trails and allow the use of type 1 e-bikes on all trails that a conventional bike is allowed to use. Respectfully submitted.