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Comments: Hi,

I am not a pedal assist e-bike user, but I think that they are an amazing tool to allow those who cannot access recreation areas on a traditional MTB the ability to do so. They are here to stay.

I believe that a pedal assist class 1 E-MTB, does not cause any more damage to trails that a traditional MTB can. Trail damage is multifactorial, and related to rider weight, ability and ride style. It is impossible to fully mitigate or regulate those factors, nor do we try. A smaller person on an ebike may still end up weighing less and riding less heavy than a larger person on a traditional bike. I believe that if class 1 E bikes are allowed on more trails legally, this will disperse the use from the current areas and decrease trail wear in those areas.