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Comments: To whom it may concern,

I've been riding mtbs since the late 90s. Out west and all over Texas and Arkansas. From single speed rigid bikes, road bikes, traditional mtb and now long travel class 1 emtb. Please try them for yourself and see it's not like a motorized vehicle. E-mtb is still very much a human powered bicycle. Here in NW Arkansas we have no restrictions on class 1 ebikes and have no issues with land being destroyed or persons being injured anymore than traditional mtbs. Please don't discriminate emtb without trying them for yourselves! On average the e bike will weigh 20-30lbs more than a non e bike. This weight difference is easily made up in different persons weight, so erosion will be similar. Speeds are an issue above 20mph on traditional bikes more than ebikes. Ebikes are heavier and thus more planted and easier to ride in general from my experience. After a couple decades of riding all kinds of bikes all I own is an emtb. I believe this is the future and it'd be nice to not be restricted to where I can go on vacation. Please consider making class 1 emtb level with traditional mtbs.

Sincerely,

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