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Comments: After 30 years of being an avid mountain biker, I had knee surgery, and could no longer ride due to the stress on my knees when riding up hills. A few years ago I got my first class 1 ebike, and I can once again enjoy the sport that I love so much. I can tell you that, from a lifetime of riding, that there is no difference in the trail riding impacts:(erosion, rider speed, and interactions with other trail users), between an analog bike, and a class 1 ebike. This new technology only lets people who are older, or have a physical condition, get out and enjoy our public lands and trails, which we all pay for with our taxes. I ride with many friends on analog bikes who are skeptical of my ebike at first, but they forget immediately once we start riding, because the user experience is the same. I am no faster than them, but I am now able to ride with them, because I have that little bit of assist on the hills, which keep my knees from hurting. Any problems are caused by individual riders themselves, no matter what type of bicycle they are on. It should not be a regular bike vs class 1 bike issue, but a trail user courtesy and common sense issue.