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Comments: As an avid mountain bike for 30+ years, I have ridden all of the trails from North Carolina down to Florida. Due to recent knee and back injury, I have not rode in over a year, and age has not helped either, however, I have recently purchased a Class 1 Ebike. I did extensive research before making this decision.

I researched all the studies by the IMBA (International Mountain Biking Association) as well as watched all the video on the EMBN (Electronic Mountain Biking Network). Europe is far ahead of the US when it comes to Ebike technology and acceptance. My Ebike has opened up the trails I love to me again. I am able to be outdoors and active. This is CRITICAL for health and happiness in a society, as well during a pandemic.

While I agree that Class 2 & 3 Ebikes should not be on regular mountain biking trails, all my research and personal experience show that Class 1 should indeed be treated like any other bicycle. You still have to pedal, you still need to work, you still need skill and experience, and I still get passed by people on normal mountain bikes, meaning I'm not out there racing around passing people or tearing things up....I'm out going further, spending more time outside, and this has been a life changing bit of technology for me and countless others.

I beg you do your research, learn what you can from IMBA and the studies they have conducted thus far. Class 1 bikes ARE bikes, with a pedal assist, that is all and should be used and treated like any other mountain bike.