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Comments: To make a judgement on the use of a class 1 ebike, one must ride one. I've read many of the letters that oppose the use of ebikes on trails. They clearly do not understand or ridden a class 1 ebike. A class 1 ebike merely assits a rider up hill. They go no faster than mechanical bikes and even have governors preventing so. Some even question the skill of ebike riders. There are novice bikers, runners, horsemen and yes, hikers. As a 61 yr old who deserves access to our trails just as much as younger riders, my appreciation for our forests and parks has grown exponentially since my riding a class 1 ebike. The argument that our trails will get too much usage holds no water. Our parks and forests are here for ALL to appreciate. My ebike allows me access to areas I could never have reached. It's given me a whole new appreciation for our parks and forests as well as their conservation. I now feel no reservations supporting these lands fully with my tax dollars and donations since using my ebike on these trails. Ebikes are growing. Embrace it.