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Comments: Dear FS,

I have been riding mountain bikes off road since the mid 1980's. I purchased a Class 1 e-bike a year ago and have been riding it on multi-use - hiker/biker/horse trails for over six months. None of the hikers I have encountered even know that my mtn bike is an e-bike. I don't go any faster on level ground or downhill and only go easier uphill. I can also turn off the electricity on my e-bike completely and ride it just like an acoustic bike which I do during many of my rides. As far as I'm concerned the class 1 e-bikes should be treated just like regular acoustic mtn bikes. The e-bike that I'm riding is a Specialized Turbo Levo SL and is only 12 pounds heavier than a regular acoustic mtn bike. Please do not put all e-bikes into a "motorized category" and exclude them from non-motorized trails as many class 1 e-bikes can be ridden just like regular acoustic mtn bikes. From my on-trail experience I do support opening current non-motorized mtn bike trails to Class 1 e-bikes.

Sincerely,

Mike Reuter