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Comments: I am 74 years old. I have been an avid MTB rider since 1979. I have always believed in safe and sane riding with courtesy to all those on the road. Due to back stenosis I moved into using a Class 1 E-mtb. I ride trails all over but mostly in the Lake Tahoe Region of California.

These are my observations. Riding a Class 1 bike is not much different than riding a regular MTB. The rider is the one controls the speed and usage of the bike.

Since most riders of bikes in our area are pretty conscious of other people and their safety, we do not see ANY conflict, Any Trail damage, Any confrontations, none of the purported negative things that many non e bike riders have put forth.

I have lots of positive contact with your Rangers in both the Tahoe National Forest and the Lake Tahoe Management Unit and they back up the above information.

I see the Class 1 bike as an Equalizer, it allows my 16 year old to ride with me and I can keep up. I can ride with my girlfriend who is not as strong a rider as I am and we can ride together. It brings people together.

A class 1 e-bike is no where, and I mean no where, close to being a motorcycle. I used to ride dirt bikes and there is absolutely no comparison other than you sit on it.

So keeping Class 1 E bikes as a motorized vehicle designation is flawed and according to California Law, It is a Motorized Bicycle and also should be under Forest Service TMR Rules.

It is the rider that controls the bike and if they ride with courtesy and safety there are no problems.

Thank you for letting me participate in this process.

LK