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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important issue to myself as well as many friends

of mine in the mountain bike community.

As an aging cyclist and outdoor enthusiast I can not express how important the development of e-mountain bikes are to myself our community. I have been cycling my whole life and am now aging and have several health conditions limiting my ability to participate as I once could. I purchased my first ebike 2 years ago after battling afib and the experience of being back out on the trails has been indescribable. I don't go any faster than my younger friends, actually I'm still slower. With the assistance of my class 1 bike I can enjoy the trails equally with the younger population. The bike just provides enough assistance to get me up the hills I can no longer survive as I once could. The class 1's are not destructive, loud, obnoxious or a nuisance.

Please consider allowing class 1 emtb's to be treated as a traditional non-assisted mtb's for the purposes of the regulations.

Sincerely Rob Bagans