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Comments: Access to natural surface trails for traditional non-motorized mountain bikes is critical to the future of our sport. As technologies evolve, I understand the need to examine access for Class 1 eMTBs and the unique characteristics they possess compared to traditional mountain bikes. I support trail access for Class 1 eMTBs and support shared use on trails as long as access is not lost or impeded for traditional mountain bikes. IMBA recommends Class 1 eMTBs be managed independently from traditional mountain bikes and we encourage land managers to develop separate regulations. IMBA will continue to engage all stakeholders on this issue in an effort to reach outcomes that best suit all users.