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Comments: HI,

I would like to see Class 1 ebikes allowed on mountain bike trails. Cycling is one of the best ways for people to increase their fitness and quality of life. No one said getting into shape was easy. Many people in our country are over weight, old, or handy caped in some other way. These limitations make it nearly impossible to get started in cycling. However, class 1 pedal assist bikes allow these people to get started and start building their fitness. Not only does this help these people both physically but also mentally. A healthier person will not need as many doctor or hospital visits.

My parents are approaching 70 and ebikes allow them to continue to rider bikes. In the past they simply would have became more setitary, but now they can continue to enjoy the outdoors and stay in shape.

I hope to see class 1 ebikes classified as non-motorized vehicles. I am an experienced trail build in Atlanta Georgia and have built popular trails such as 20 miles at Cochran Mill Park, 3.5 miles at Brown's Mill Battlefield Park, and 2 miles at Moore's Bridge park. In addition to building these trails, I also organize volunteers to maintain the trails. I more than almost any other person in the country know the exact impact class 1 ebikes have on trails. In my expert opinion they have no more impact than a traditional mountain bike and far less impact than equestrian use that is already allowed and many mountain bike trails.

I 100% oppose class 2 and 3 ebikes on trails.