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Comments: I strongly support class 1 eMTB access on non-motorized trails, as long as access for traditional mountain bikes is not lost or impeded.

I have recently ridden all over Europe, Australia, and New Zealand and in each location Class 1 electric mountain bikes are popular, well accepted, and are not causing any problems that I know of. I have tried them and they are a great way to get up hills easier and take the load off of my old hip joints. I am 66 yrs old and ride regularly here in Sedona. Soon I will need help or I may have to stop riding mountain bikes. I have met many old riders like myself around the world and many would not be riding trails without the pedal assist up the hills.

Electric mountain bikes are reducing the amount of bike transport to get to trails, they are getting more folks out to get exercise, they create very little pollution, and they allow many bikers to get to places that they would never get to otherwise. It is hard to see any negatives. They are becoming more reliable and lighter and could be part of the solution to reducing our carbon footprint and reducing global warming.

Please let us have our class 1 ebikes.

Thanks so much.

Scott