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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to voice my opinions USFG and thank you evergreen for bringing this to my attention. I feel that a class 1 EMTB is not a motorized device. It does not make the noise a motorized item makes, it does not cause damage to trails as a motorized item does. It does not allow one to tackle any trail such as a motorized item does. It still required much physical exertion to tackle the trails. Now class 2 and 3 are motorized in my opinion. They are tipping the scales. An approach of keeping the class 1 as a non motorized device is important to maintain rights for individuals who are willing to put in the work to ride these trails. I agree with allowing the public to say whom gets to use a trail locally and not just a blanket law. I think class 1 ebikes should have access to any mountain bike trail or hiking and horse trail. It is still a bike and it just simply makes you a stronger rider is all. Keeping the laws simple and allowing class one bikes to maintain a non motorized classification lets folks who enjoy mountain biking to enjoy the backcountry as well where a normal mountain might not be able to take you. It also allows older folks whom want to enjoy the outdoors the ability to access trails or children whom do not have the strength to pedal up a trail with a traditional mountain bike. I hope we do not have blanket laws and we keep class 1 Emtbs as a non motorized vehicle. I hope the public will get to help with the use permission on local level. A class 1 ebike is still a bike that is for certain it just allows the rider to access a larger area and creates a level of exploration an traditional bike does not offer. There are so many trails that are designated as bike hike and horse and I would hate to see that change. In Idaho I rarely encounter people on these trails as it is. I only know Idaho and can not speak for other states where trails could be overcrowded but regardless a bike is a mpuntain bike is a non motorized as long as it does not have a throttle in my opinion.