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Comments: I support classifying Class 1 ebikes for use on trails where bicycles are currently allowed. Pedal assist ebikes are consistent with the intended use of non-motorized trails. I do not support use of Class 2 or 3 ebikes. Class 2 opens up trails to future technologies that do not require pedaling, causing conflict with speed and environmental impact. I feel class 3 ebikes, though they still requiring pedaling, are not consistent with the intended trail use due to achievable speeds.

As an older male who has enjoyed mountain biking for decades, I see class 1 ebikes as an opportunity to continue a recreation consistent with my environmental ethics and in keeping with the intended trail use as I physically become less capable. If I elect to use a motorized bike (gas or electric) not requiring pedal assist, I understand that certain areas will not be available. We need to keep areas preserved for those looking to recreate without the noise, pollution and environmental damage caused by motors. Ebikes without pedals are electric motorcycles and will cause the same type of environmental wear and tear as gas powered motorcycles.