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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to express my opinion about Class 1 E-bike usage on non-motorized trails in the Tahoe Basin and throughout the US. I am a long-time mountain bicyclist. However, because of aging, my accessing the non-motorized trails around my home in North Tahoe is becoming more of a challenge. With my class 1 e bike I can continue to ride these trails in a safe and responsible way. From my experience, I do not believe that pedal assisted type 1 e-bikes present a danger to the integrity of the trail system itself nor to pedestrians, equestrians, or other bikers on the trail. I do not feel the same about type 2 & 3 bikes. I have been riding trails in the Tahoe and surrounding areas for over 35 years. I am now 65 years old, in need of a total hip replacement and possibly a back surgery. I am still actively riding 4-5 days per week. Please allow me and others like me, to continue to have bicycle access to our backcountry trails and allow the use of type 1 e-bikes on all trails that a conventional bike is allowed to use. Respectfully submitted.