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Comments: I definitely understand the concerns of ebikes as I am now riding one. But, after breaking my back I could not exert the strength required to mtn. Bike anymore. This allows me the opportunity to ride the trails I love with friends and family. The bike is a class 1 and stronger riders pass me anyway!

This bike, used properly, will be an asset, not a detriment to trails. It's the young males (testosterone overload) I see bombing down trails that are a threat to riders, trail conditions, and wildlife!

In my opinion, education is more crucial than class 1 ebikes. Certainly this organization sees the reasoning behind these statements. Teach young (and older) riders how to safely navigate the trails and not allow buses to shuttle riders up trails to simply bomb down them.

Let your older riders safely enjoy these trails too. Don't turn our trails into a country club mentality where only a certain set can enjoy them.

On a technical note: An ebike weighs about 50 lbs. combined with my weight of 130. The total is 180lbs. Compare that to a mountain bike weighing 28 lbs with a rider weighing 170 lbs. My ebike would be less damaging to a trail. Plus the tires on my bike don't spin!