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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to express our feelings regarding ebikes and trail use / access. I will try to keep my views short on this. I am sixty years old and have enjoyed mountain biking for longer than i can remember. I have raced DH for many years and have also had the opportunity to ride at many world class destinations in addition to here in California. Our vacation and time off trips usually have a biking element involved. We ride in the Tahoe area on a regular basis and have been exploring the Shasta area as well. . I was introduced to Ebikes just over a year ago. I own what would be considered a class1 ebike that requires pedaling. Riding this type bike has been a life style changer for me at my age. With a family history of diabetes, food intake and exercise are what i use to keep it at bay. Being an Athelete my whole life has also taken its physical tolls on knees, joints etc. The riding experience was starting to fade away as a result. The switch over to my class 1 ebike has changed all that. Pedaling is a must , but the gentle assist during grinding moments that had become a deterrent are gone. My riding life can continue.

The three classifications of ebikes are imperative. I have ridden motocross as well., a throttle is a throttle and pedaling is pedaling. Assisted pedaling is still pedaling. I feel the breakdown has been wisely made.

In my travels and rides and remember i come from a lot of years of non ebike riding and in fact still do , i can say that our class 1 ebike impact is no different than our regular MTB bikes and our trail use neither. As such the classifications help discern access. And are key. Please approach management with this in mind. These bikes have opened new doors for many . They deserve to be embraced. Thank you