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Comments: I support the creation of an e-bike definition and adoption of three classes of e-bike.

I believe that Class 1 e-bikes should be considered for use on roads/trails that are now considered non motorized.

I am 73 years old and have been mountain biking since its inception. For the last two years use of a Class 1 e-bike has enabled me to ride with younger family and friends. I can keep up and ride as long as they do. They still go much faster than I on the downhill, but I can catch up on the uphill.

For those who are concerned about excessive speed with e-bikes, I would point out that the fastest bikers, e-bike or not, will still be fit, experienced, younger bikers. This is as it should be.

Based upon my personal experience and that of friends, I don't believe that the addition of Class 1 e-bikes would degrade the safety and riding experience of other mountain bikers.

An e-bike can allow a 73 year old to ride like a 50 year old. It will help a 20-30 year old to ride longer, but not faster.

In summary, I support the use of Class 1 e-bikes on trails that are now designated non motorized.