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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to express my opinion on class 1 e-bike usage on non-motorized NFS trails in the Tahoe Basin. I have been mountain biking for 35 yrs and am 71 years old. I now ride a class 1 e-bike and enjoy riding 5+ days/week. I couldn't do this were it not for these bikes as I'm asthmatic. This allows me to remain active and healthy in a safe and responsible way. Many of my friends that also have health issues are still able to ride because of class 1 e-bikes. They aren't a danger to other bikers, hikers or equestrians. However, I don't feel the same way about class 2 or 3 e-bikes because of their weight, pore and speed. Finally, I would ask you to please allow me and my fellow class 1 -bike bikers to access our NFS trails that analog bikes are allowed to use.