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Comments: I support the use of class I eMTBs on trails where mountain bikes are allowed. Additional refinement of the proposed changes to directives is necessary to maintain non-motorized status for trails that currently allow mountain bikes, but are also appropriate for class I eMTB use. I have personally logged hundreds of hours of trail work and have enjoyed the work of countless other trail crews, so I believe that any proposed changes to directives should not jeopardize the grants and funding that is critical to many trail projects.

I have tried class I eMTBs and am excited about the opportunities they present for individuals who would otherwise not be able to enjoy the trails. I can state, based on that experience, that class I eMTBs are like regular mountain bikes, just a easier to ride, especially uphill. While I support class I eMTB use, I really have no desire to purchase one or ride one. However, I will appreciate the opportunity to ride one on mountain bike trails as I age and my abilities decline. The short loops near the parking lot are great to introduce people to the activity, but do not quite satisfy those of us looking for an adventure into the woods on a bike. And I do not expect that desire for adventure to ever decline.

Thank you.