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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the important subject of e-mountain bikes. I am a 46 year old that has been playing in the woods since I was little and riding mountain bikes regularly since 2001. My preference is to ride standard pedal bikes but I do have experience on a class 1 e-bike and have seen many riders on them at my local riding areas.

It's concerning to me the proposal is to manage all classes of e-bikes as motorized. Bicycle companies and the mountain bike public have been working to distinguish the pedal assist class 1 bikes from the throttle and high speed versions of class 2 & 3. Each class is very different they should not be lumped together instead be managed separately.

I recommend the following:

*Adopt Class 1 e-bikes as NON-MOTORIZED

*Adopt Class 2 & 3 e-bikes as motorized allowed only on motorized trails

*Allow Class 1 e-bikes on ALL trails mountain bikes are currently allowed on unless signed otherwise

*Prohibit Class 2 & 3 on non-motorized trails

*Approach Class 1 e-bikes as an "OPEN UNLESS SIGNED CLOSED" basis

As you can tell I am in favor of class 1 e-bikes. I actually think this class will be further developed as battery technology rapidly evolves. The bikes will become more and more similar to pedal bikes as weight and rider input is taken into account. Managing class 1 e-bikes to my recommendation will prevent further reviews of management rules issued when technologies are rapidly evolving.