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Comments: Classifying e-bikes, especially Class 1, as motorized vehicles is problematic. For one thing, e-bikes and motorized ATV's (including dirt bikes) differ dramatically in several important ways such as a) safety of other trail users (hikers, equestrian, mtn bikers), b) impact to trail (erosion, etc), and c) noise emission. If opening a mtn bike trail to e-bikes requires changing its status to motorized, the impact on all other trail users will be much greater than if (after study) the trail is simply opened to Class 1 e-bikes while maintaining its status as non-motorized use. There is very little difference between regular mtn bikes and power assisted Class-1 e-bikes in terms of impact on trail and on other users.

I strongly support the well-considered position of the Everygreen Mountain Bike Alliance.