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Comments: I purchased my first mtn bike in 1982 while attending graduate school at Montana State University in Bozeman and have been an avid mtn biker since. I moved to the Teton area in the late 1980s and have owned a home in Teton Valley since 1997. I have experienced the growth of the mtn biking community and expansion of world class mtn biking trails in the region - which i am grateful for. Now that I am in my late 60s and quickly approaching 70 yrs old for me it is highly physically demanding to ride a lot of the regional trails which takes the fun out of mtn biking. I purchased a class 1 emtn bike 4 yrs ago and have used it extensively on motorized trails since. Some motorized trails are enjoyable to ride, however, most are, in my opinion, very challenging and present a high risk of crashing and being injured. Allowing class 1 emtn bikes on purpose built mtn bike trails would allow the older mtn bike riders to more safely enjoy these world class trails.

I fully support this initiative to offer limited mtn biking to class 1 emtn bikes. Starting with a limited number of trails and assessing how it works is a solid plan. It will help to address the flase perception that class 1 emtn bikes are destructive to the trails and that the emtn bike community is inconsiderate of other uses.