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Comments: I am in full support of allowing class 1 ebikes on the proposed trails. Allowing cyclists to ebike these trails would decrease trailhead traffic and the number of cars shuttling cyclists up and down the pass. Automobiles are much more impactful on the area and wildlife than class 1 ebikes would be. Class 1 ebikes have the exact same footprint as human powered mountain bikes, therefore would not alter the trail in any way. Trail etiquette by all users is what is really needed to ensure trail preservation and fun/ friendly experiences. Many outdoor recreation communities have embraced trail ebiking and have shown that it's successful without issue. These areas have worked with evolving recreation trends to be at the forefront and manage it in a successful way. Opposing and resisting change leads to playing catch up later on.

Change is hard, but can be done correctly (Very reminiscent of when snowboarding first came on the scene and faced opposition).

Thank you for all of your hard work and for opening this up for discussion.