

## **New Comments Received as of February 9, 2022:**

“I have mixed feelings on this, but prefer to share the trails. Our trails are getting more use and I think future restrictions are inevitable. Some ebikes can travel quite fast. They are quiet and can often spook horses as well as startle dogs and people. If there is assurance that they are only the pedal assist Class 1 type, I wouldn't oppose it, but wonder, could there be a trial period?”

~Geri Rubin

“I wanted to submit my comments in support of the use of class-1 ebikes on trails that currently allow other bikes in the ACFL. I have a class-1 ebike and would not be biking without it due to knee and back issues. I enjoy using it at Larabee/Chuckanut and Ebey State Parks, in Skagit County Parks, and Bellingham City Parks where they are allowed, riding with my family who all use 'regular' bikes. It would be nice not to have to drive someplace to use my bike on a forested trail.

I know some people oppose e-bikes on the trails due to concerns about trail damage. However, when I have been hiking in the ACFL, I have seen some people using e-bikes and they generally seem to be older people just 'plugging along' on a bike, enjoying the trails, not riding very fast or aggressively. I think allowing class-1 e-bikes on trails where other bikes are allowed would not cause any more damage than a fast moving full-suspension bike that current riders are allowed to use.

Allowing all bikes on the same trails will be easier to enforce and reduce confusion and frustration. Thank you for your time in considering this topic and your commitment to Parks and Recreation in Anacortes.”

~Patrik Dylan

“Please let the record show that I am a strong support of expanded access for Class-1 eMTB access in the ACFL. eMTB should have the same access as is currently allowed to conventional Mt Bikes. On a personal note, I am presently 76 year old and ride Mt Bikes in the ACFL once a week with a group. We ride year around and I have been doing so for at least the last 15 years. I hope to continue doing so until I turn 80 years old. At the time, I will obtain an eMTB so that I can continue to ride the ACFL trails.”

~Jerry Granahan

“I am writing to voice my support of allowing class 1 ebikes in the ACFL with the same access as conventional mtbs. Over the past couple of years eMTBs has allowed my family to enjoy biking across three generations with my aging father able to bike alongside his grandchildren, something that wouldn't be able to happen if it wasn't for eMTBs.”

~Kevin Abbott

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~Ami Bryant

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~Jeff Ried

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~Joe Doughty

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~Voree Smith

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~Quinn Hanks

"My name is Danny Lindstrom. I am a life long resident of Anacortes. I think that EMtn Bikes should be allowed in the forest lands. I think they are a acceptable method of use for our forestlands."

~Danny Lindstrom

"City of Anacortes, I am in favor of allowing Class 1 emtb's in the ACFL. This type of mtb should have the same privileges and access to our multi use trails as do non electric mtb's."

~Jim Zevely

"My name is Eric Adam and I live in Anacortes and I wish to be on record as supporting a change to allow Class-1 eMountain Bikes equal access to the ACFL as mountain bikes."

~Eric Adams

"Please let the record show that I am in support of expanded access for Class-1 eMTB access in the ACFL. eMTB's should have the same access as is currently allowed to conventional Mt Bikes."

~Jed Barth

"I urge you to reject including eMTB as an allowed use within the ACFL. I'm a mountain biker who uses these trails on a regular basis. There is a large difference between powered motor sports and human powered bikes that currently use these trails.

These bikes can go 20 mph on tight trails with other users. I see a high potential for conflict between all of the user groups of the ACFL if these bikes are allowed on mixed use trails. The mass, speed, and braking power of these bikes is similar to that of gas powered dirt bikes. These bikes will do significant damage to the trails we all use.

Please consider the implications of opening up the trail systems to eBike's carefully.

Thank you for all your work on our community lands."

~Nick MacDonald

“Thanks so much for your help with this. I'm just hoping enough of us are voicing our concerns about this.

Right now, our forest lands are absolutely serene and wonderful. Our community enjoys the walking, hiking, mountain biking and I've had the pleasure of meeting two horse riders one day. My fear is that if e-bikes become allowed, it will only provide opportunity for other groups with motorized interest to request and potentially gain access as well. I recognize e-bikes are not particularly noisy themselves but the next in line, dirt bikes for example, are incredibly noisy.

Our home is kitty-corner to the JW Kingdom Hall. Every season we have a great group of young people on a mountain biking team gather for their practice. While we can hear their chatter and excitement it's certainly not a noisy time. This past snow fall, however, this area was visited by groups of dirt bike riders. It was so incredibly loud it was beyond belief. My young daughter thought a house was crashing down the first time she heard it.

If the usage rules begin to head in this direction, the high majority of users will no longer enjoy the peaceful enjoyment of the ACL.

And of course, living at the edge, 15 yards from a trail head doesn't make me excited for motorized usage late at night.

Thank you for your time.”

~Lisa Dunlap