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Comments: Dear USFS,

I have been riding mountain bikes since 1984 and now have a collection of 11 bikes, one of which is a Class 1 eMTB. There is no good reason to regulate this type of bike, especially as they gain popularity. Specialized Bike Company predicts that in four years, 40% of their sales are going to be eBikes. Studies show that eMTBs do not damage trails like some ignorant naysayers like to claim. The reasons to ban eMTBs from forest service trails are all being disproven. Regulating eMTBs on forest service trails is going to be impossible at best. With one federal officer for every thousand miles of trail, how do you expect to regulate such a rule? It will be much easier to educate users of trails that hikers, bikers, runners, equestrians and eMTBs are all in this together. Stop analyzing this simple issue and just allow Class 1 eMTBs and make everyone's life easier. As it is now, those with eMTBs ride them wherever they want. It is time to come to grips that eMTBs are here to stay!

Sincerely,

Tom

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