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Comments: I have been riding my new full-suspension type 1 mountain e-bicycle for 16 months (6/19-10/20). I ride 2-4 times per week, year-around.

Before 6-19, I owned and rode many different traditional mountain bicycles, averaging about 2,000 miles per year since 2005. I consider myself a very experienced and skilled rider, of both traditional mountain and e-mountain bicycles.

I have ridden my 2019 e-bicycle more than 5,200 miles mostly on dirt trails.

I am 75 years old and I rarely ride my latest (2017) traditional full-suspension mountain bicycle. I spent >\$13,000 on these two bicycles.

I strongly urge all agencies, particularly USFS and BLM, to permit all types of mountain bicycles, including type 1 e-bicycles, on all single track dirt trails (excepting selected Wilderness areas).

Furthermore, I have owned many motorcycles and mountain bicycles. It is simply wrong to place type-1 e-bicycles in the same category as motorcycles. I have many miles and hours riding both types, and I can emphatically state that one type is a bicycle (requires pedaling) and the other is not (no pedaling). For a two-wheeled vehicle, there could hardly be a greater difference.

Lastly, I consider such prejudicial restrictions on e-bicycles and riders to be an ageist policy.

Thank you!