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Comments: Thank you for considering public comments on this ebike decision. I am 58 years old. I have read many studies regarding emtb usage on trails and am yet to find one that concludes emtb cause damage in excess of regular mtb. I have heard all the reasons to ban them, and most are just myths. I know very little about class 2 and class 3 ebikes - I own and ride my class 1 emtb several times a week. While giving me greater range I see the emtbs being slower overall and safer in relation to the other trail users. Locally we have many anti ebike persons who want to keep mountain biking an elitist sport for the most fit rider. I am quite fit for my age but bad knees (pending replacement), and lingering back problems make it harder to ride than I would like. Having to prove my age or medical condition to be able to ride with my friends seems discriminatory. As I age I hope that I can continue to get out with friends and explore new trails and areas that I may not have the endurance to ride on my regular mtb. Allowing me and others the opportunity to ride some of the great NFS trails will be much appreciated.

Thank you for your consideration.