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Comments: Please consider to allow class 1 e-bikes on NFS roads and trails where traditional mountain bikes are allowed. E-bikes speeds are limited by the terrain and the rider's ability. They do not go any faster or have any more environmental impact than a traditional mountain bike.

E-bikes allow individuals with medical issues or disabilities to access the outdoors in new ways we could not have imagined just a few years ago. I have been an avid mountain biker for over 15 years. A recent, unexpected diagnosis of a heart condition causing life threatening Arrhythmias has stopped my mountain biking career in its tracks. Recently, I tried an e-bike and it's impact on my quality of life is immeasurable. I can now pedal up a steep hill and not worry about my heart rate climbing too high. I may still be able to ride with friends and family, which I didn't think was possible. These e-bikes are life changing, and I do not believe would have any negative impact on already existing NFS trails and roads.