

Data Submitted (UTC 11): 9/26/2020 3:03:30 AM

First name: aaron

Last name: blankenship

Organization:

Title:

Comments: I think that the classification for ebikes is reasonable but that Class I emtb's should be allowed everywhere bicycles are allowed. The benefits to society are huge and current trends in the USA AND in Europe show that both vehicles can be identified as bicycles and belong together on trails. Congress with the authority over interstate commerce has identified class I ebikes as bicycles. The USFS does not need separate trails for ebikes only - just open the current biking trails to more bicycles as defined by Congress.

As far as studys for increased usage and trail damage; is there a limit of times a bicycle can ride a trail in a day? A week? Bringing ebikes and bikes into the same classification on USFS would further solidify the groups to share knowledge, resources and funding.