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Comments: I'm writing to advocate for Class-1 (pedal-assist only, no throttle) eMTB access to Federal land.

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As a 50 year old veteran with a service-connected injury and a 30-year passion for mountain biking, eMTBs are a game-changer. I have the technical abilities, but not the stamina or injury-resilience of younger and more fit riders. eMTBs allow me to get out and enjoy terrain I haven't ridden since I was much younger, improving my physical and mental health. There are many others similar to me, who just need a bit of pedal assistance on the long fire-road climbs. With that help, I can share our beautiful natural terrain with my kids, who are in their teens and 20's, and pass on my love for mountain biking, and knowledge of trail etiquette and preservation.

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Opening more terrain to Class-1 eMTBs can make mountain biking a life-long sport for people like me.