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Comments: I strongly support the proposal to allow e-bikes on NFS roads and trails. As an experienced user of both traditional mountain bikes and class 1 e-mountain bikes, I can confidently say that the risks many claim about e-bikes are unfounded. As I have only ridden or seen a class 1 e-bike, my comments pertain to class 1 bikes only.

1. E-bikes are no faster downhill than traditional mountain bikes. Downhill speeds are limited by rider skill, not the power of the bike. In fact the added weight of the e-bike can actually result in slower downhill speeds.
2. E-bikes do no more damage to the trail than normal bikes (or hikers). There simply isn't enough power to "roost".
3. E-bikes disperse users to reduce congestion and reduce conflict. Th added range of an e-bike helps bring e riders to trails less ridden, reducing impact on trails close to town centers and helping to keep trails farther afield from becoming overgrown.
4. e-bikes help provide a healthy outdoor experience for all--even those who are older or less physically able. Trail enjoyment should not be limited to the young and able bodied.
5. E-bikes are environmentally friendly and reduce miles driven by auto. E-bikes allow many users to reach trail heads without driving or vehicle shuttles, reducing carbon pollution.
6. Due to advancements in technology, it will soon be nearly impossible to distinguish between an E-bikes and a traditional bike, making anti e-bike enforcement near impossible.