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Comments: I am a member of the International Mountain Bike Association and a long time Mountain Biker. I have personally built miles of trails and contributed thousands of dollars to grow the trail system in my state of Arizona. I ride a class 1 ebike. I have two other non ebikes but I began riding the ebike after I turned 60 as a result of a very bad crash. The ebike allows me to continue enjoying the trails I have enjoyed for decades. I do not think my ebike does anything different to the trails I ride. A class 1 ebike is pedal assist and is limited to 18mph which in many cases makes it slower then a non ebike. I believe ebikes expand the sport to more older and disabled people. I dont think class 2-3 ebikes should be allowed in the forest as they are too fast , not pedal assisted and could be dangerous to others on the trail. My experience over thousands of miles of trails on my class 1 ebike is substantially no difference in impact to the trails, the forest or other trail users. Please keep the forests open to limited class 1 ebikes.