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Comments: I am 63years of age, I was a Ski Patroller for 25 years, currently a Ski Instructor for the past 26 years and was an extremely active mountain biker including as an Instructor.

This active life style caused me to "wear out" some body parts. I've had both knees & one hip replaced along with numerous other surgeries. Exercise, especially "non-impact" such as Mountain Biking and trail riding, is very important in keeping me mobile.

Class 1 pedal assist eBikes have recently allowed me to return to my passion of mountain biking and NOT have to take the chair lifts up to the top of the Mountain.

eBikes allow me to be able to once again exercise outdoors enjoying the beauty and everything else about our wonderful Forest Service! Exercising outdoors, I believe, is even more important especially in this time of Covid-19. eBikes allow us "older generation" to keep healthy while enjoying Covid-19 safe activities.

Class 1 eBikes do not do any more damage to the Trail system then regular Mountain bikes. Actually to the contrary. There is less tire spin, and more natural bike movement. Less stopping, walking bikes and starting on trails that actually beat up the trail. There is more consistent and constant movement because of the Class 1 pedal assist, which is easier on the trails. Having been a non-eBike Mountain Biker previously for decades, and now use an eBike, I can personally attest to this benefit of eBikes.

I urge the Agency to accept the new technology which allows us "older & worn" but still very active maturing adults to continue to enjoy our active life styles and our fabulous outdoors!

Thank you for reading and considering my opinion.

Robert T.