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Comments: I appreciate the NFS giving consideration to E bikes and their use on NFS trails. As a career Physical Therapist and an E bike user I fully support any changes that allow more people to experience our national lands. Such access furthers a conservation mindset while, at the same time improves health. As an e bike user it is apparent to me that opposition to e bikes on trails is ill founded. Because these bikes require user input and effort to move, the speeds experienced are similar to regular bikes and any differences between regular and e bikes to the trail system would be non existent. A young, fit regular bike rider develops as much or more torque as an e bike and can damage trails. The big variable is awareness of the type of surface you are riding on and respect for the land which increases as more people have an opportunity to experience our national forests. I fully support class 1 e bikes being allowed alongside regular bicycles on forest service lands.