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Comments: These comments are in support of creating an e-bike definition, adopting three classes of e-bike definition, and allowing access for Class 1, pedal-assist, non-throttle e-bikes on Forest Service non-motorized bike trails.

After three major hip surgeries four years ago, I was left with a 1.5-inch leg-length discrepancy. No longer able to hike, ski, or work in my trade as a professional contractor, my surgeon recommended I ride an e-bike. This e-bike has essentially been my rehabilitation program, allowing me to exercise without further traumatizing my hip, and making me feel healthy and normal again. Being a disabled senior who still enjoys outdoor adventures, equal access to Forest Service trails for me is dependant upon the opportunity to use a Class 1 e-bike to make it happen. I strongly support the efforts to permit Class 1 e-bikes on non-motorized trails.