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Comments: Thank you for taking action on classification and trails acceptability of the 3 Classes of electric mountain bikes (eMTB). As a long time regular mountain biker I began using a Class 1 mountain bike in the last two years. It has not made me a crazy racing biker on the trails and I have not damaged any trails with my eMTB use. It has allowed me to travel longer distances and climb steeper trials than I was unable to as I got older. I still have to understand and apply the proper techniques and weight transfers to be able to navigate safely rock gardens and steep downhill trails. I am not the fastest bike on the trails, the younger fitter bikers still pass me but I am able to keep up with the speeds I was able to maintain in my youth and I am not stopping frequently out of breath from climbs. So in closing, I fully support the use of Class 1 eMTBs on USFS trails where mountain bikes are allowed.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond.

Sincerely, Gary Nowicki