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Comments: I would like to say that I am 100% in favor of allowing class 1 e bikes on all bicycle trails on USFS land. My wife and I are both 67, were long time mountain bikers until a few years ago. Between age, Colorado's high elevation and thin air, and knee injuries we gave it up... until last year. Then we got class 1 e mountain bikes. In 2 summers I have almost 2,000 miles on mine. These things changed our lives. I have lost 15 pounds because of them. I ride paved and unpaved trails. Ebikes do not go faster than road bicycles on any of the paved trails or unpaved trails. We may be cruising at 18 to 20 mph and constantly get passed by what to be "tour de france racers" on Summit counties extensive bike bath at speeds well over 20. Remember a class 1 ebike loses all motor assist at 20 mph going up or down hill, and if you don't pedal, they don't go. On down hill single track, young guys are always passing us going far faster. Studies prove they do no more trail damage and a regular mountain bike. Please tell me the difference in trail wear and tear between a 210 lb guy on a 30 pound mountain bike and me at 185 lbs on a 55 lb bike. The only real reason non ebike users want them banned is pure selfishness. They want to keep the trails to themselves and not share. I can also say I ride a lot of trails with no ebike signs. The only comments I get is where can I get one, or I want one. Most people have no clue it is an ebike. 90% of the people out there on the trails do not care. The reason I ride these trails is I feel I have the right to. The US government, the state of Colorado, the BLM and the national park service have all defined class 1 ebikes as bicycles. How can the USFS go against every state and federal government standard? My family pays registration fees every year on 2 UTV's, 3 snowmobiles, 2 dirt bikes and a ski boat. A lot of that money pays for all kinds of trail maintenance. What does a typical mountain biker contribute.. ZERO. I also have paid state, federal, local and property taxes in Colorado since 1976, I have the right to use these trails, and will continue to do so. Finally, If you want to make us pay more, sell ebike stickers the same way we have to pay for snowmobiles and dirt bikes stickers. We may write a check to Colorado, but is U.S. forest rangers out there patrolling the trails.