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Comments: Thank you for your consideration of the use of e-bikes on trails in the National Forest. My husband is 65 years old, I am 59. We travel extensively with our travel trailer and focus our trips on mountain biking. Last year my husband got a Class I e-bike and it totally improved his biking experience. I am looking to get a Class I e-bike some time in the near future. We would love for the NFS to allow Class I e-bikes on any trail where regular bikes are allowed. Where we live in Arkansas, hundreds of miles of mountain biking trails have been built in the towns and cities in northwest AR and e-bikes are allowed on all of them. E-bikes are allowed in the state parks in Arkansas. We have seen no adverse affects of e-bikes on the trails. We like to visit CO and UT where e-bikes are allowed in the State Parks.

There are many miles of mountain biking trails in the NF in Arkansas (and other states of course) where e-bikes are currently not allowed. This is frustrating to us. Please update your policy to allow Class I e-bikes wherever regular bikes are allowed.

Thank you for your consideration.

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