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Comments: Hello,

I appreciate you taking the time to consider allowing class 1 eBikes on forest service trails. As a long time mountain biker I have both regular mountain bikes and class 1 electric mountain bikes. In my experience there is no credible reason to ban eBikes from trails which mountain bikes have access to. After a significant amount of riding time on eBikes I have found that the eBikes are actually slower going downhill than a regular bike where most conflict occurs. The benefit of eBikes is that they allow more people to enjoy our public lands. Again, thank you for the consideration.