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Comments: First, thank you for this opportunity to share my thoughts on ebike access to Forest Service land and considerations presented here. I continue to use acoustic (aka analog) bikes, though purchased a category 1 ebike for my wife since she was having great difficulty pedaling up long hills (climbs). We are near retirement and enjoying hiking throughout the country. Admittedly our legs and health no longer can sustain many of the longer hikes we used to enjoy. We started biking, which lessened the wear and tear on our knees. We started to bike off-road on forest service roads and some tamer mountain bike trails. I found that I was able to bike long distance, however my wife could not. She is not an aggressive of fast rider. Unfortunately we are finding few trails for her to ride. We strongly ask Forest Service lands be opened up for us older mountain biking citizens. We appreciate your consideration of our request and interest in enjoying this new found sport.