Data Submitted (UTC 11): 10/8/2020 7:50:24 PM

First name: Tom
Last name: Hodge
Organization:

Title:

Comments: I am a 65 year old avid mountain biker who has arthritis and other health issues that have curtailed my ability to enjoy trails that I've used for years. 2 years ago I purchased a class 1 e mountain bike and it has been a game changer, enabling me to ride with much greater confidence and safety. For example, an electric assist bike enables one to ride slower in technical terrain by making it easier to maintain forward momentum and hence balance. And I have not seen evidence that ebikes do more damage to trails than unassisted bikes or equestrian users. Sure there will be bad actors who go too fast or are discourteous to other trail users, but that is not unique to ebikes. I urge the NFS to approve the use of class 1 ebikes on all trails that are otherwise open to bikes. Thanks