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Comments: I fully support the use of electric bikes on all federal lands, the same as a non electrified bicycle. I have been riding my \$6,000 electric mountain bike since March and WOW WOW WOW this is a revolution in biking, while still maintaining all of the core riding properties and feeling of a regular bike. I am 32 years old, not in prime shape but also not severely out of shape in any way. My electric mountain bike (Turbo Levo) allows me to ride longer and more frequently than I would be able to on a standard analog bike. I used to ride a few times a year at most, and now I am riding every weekend, driving my car up to an hour away to find new trails.

These bikes (class 1) do not put any more strain onto a trailsystem than a regular analog bike would. After riding a proper e-mtb for a few months now, I will NEVER go back to an analog bike again. The same will be true for all bike riders as the prices come down and electric bikes become more popular and the haters get their hands on one to actually try for themselves. The cost and legal riding concerns are the biggest issues for ebikes right now, so let's knock down at least one of those barriers!