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Comments: As a soon to be senior citizen, I strongly encourage the USDA Forest Service (and other federal and state agencies) to open trail access to ebikes. I believe limiting ebike access is a policy that has a disproportionate negative impact on access and enjoyment by our aging population. And I believe the concerns about misuse are significantly overstated. Speaking as an ebike owner, I am not going to suddenly try trails that are beyond my level of experience or embark on a cross-country ride just because I am on an ebike (my rear end will play out long before my battery does). While there will always be exceptions, I believe most riders (particularly those middle age and older) who will welcome the additional access and still exhibit good sense. There will be some who do not use ebikes wisely - but an idiot will be an idiot regardless - it does not require special equipment.