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Comments: As a citizen of this Country I am in favor of open access for class 1 ebikes on federal lands. I am a 61 year old male that has been able to enhance my health greatly by the ebike innovation. I have read some false and ludicrous claims by those opposition to the access. Such as claiming they are more dangerous, absolute nonsense. The conventional bikes can actually obtain speeds greater than class 1 ebikes as class 1 bikes have restrictions already built in such as weight and no power at designated speeds. It would be a disservice to the elderly and disabled to not allow the access to citizens that have through technology opened up a form of exercise that is not only fun but therapeutic. I ride with several older gentlemen that have had knee and hip replacements and could not participate if this wasn't allowed. It is also nonsense that they are destructive to the environment and damage trails. I have ridden both for many years and there is no difference these are low powered pedal assist only. These weak arguments are a tool to hoard these public trails to themselves. Commonly known as nimbys. (Not in my back yarders) only it's ALL our back yards not just theirs. These ebikes are a great opportunity for all citizens to have reasonable access. I recently received an informational notice from State Farm insurance describing this market and the growth and benefit of this technology and how positive it is to society. I also watched an interview with one of the principals of Santa Cruz bicycles, one of the elite bicycle manufacturers. Where they expect ebikes to be 50% of their sales in the next few years. They are a positive tool to most and should be embraced.

Thank you for this opportunity to offer this input.