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Comments: Thank you for seeking input regarding ebike use on Forest Service land. I've been mountain biking for over 30 years and currently ride both a regular mtb and an ebike, approximately 70/30% in favor of the regular mtb. As well, I'm a board member of the local mountain bike organization, and annually volunteer 200-300 hours in building and maintaining trails. From my experience I'd like to offer the following observations:

- Class 1 ebikes do no more damage to trails than a regular mtb.
- Class 1 ebikes are quicker uphill and on flats than a regular mtb, but this speed difference is not significant. Proper trail sight lines, and/or directional trail use can easily alleviate any concern for trail conflicts.
- Class 1 ebikes are able to climb steeper pitches which can change the direction of how a trail is ridden. To prevent a change of trail dynamics responsibility should rest at the local level to address this concern.

As such, I appreciate your consideration to allow class 1 ebikes to be used on non-motorized Forest Service land, with appropriate management to be determined on a local level.