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Comments: I'm in favor of classifying e-bikes as bikes. I'm 77 and limited on how far I can go in the back-country. Last month on a borrowed e-bike I was able to accompany my grandson into the back country. What a wonderful way to enjoy nature. We seniors should be allowed to recreate like our juniors. Our bodies can't do it but with a little assist from the e-bike we can get out there.

A great thing about the e-bike is how quiet it is. Most of the time the only thing you hear is the tires on the gravel. This is a big advantage over motorbikes. Also, there is no pollution.

For those concern about speed I suggest it's not a problem. A \$4000 e-bike vs. a \$4000 conventional mountain bike is slower not faster. Most riders on the conventional one have more suspension assist that allows them to go faster on downhills. On the uphill's the e-bike is faster. But this is a relative thing. Going 5 miles per hour instead of 3 mph is not a safety issue.

Please help us seniors keep healthy and happy by allowing us to use e-bikes to get into the backcountry in our national forest.

Thanks,

Charley