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Comments: I have many years experience mountain biking and building trails on DNR / Forest Service land. As a trail steward, I've made careful observation of damage done by different user types. I've also ridden class 1 ebikes on a number of occasions and have concern regarding there proliferation. I haven't observed them to do more trail damage in a single passing than a conventional pedal bike. However, I've found that ebike riders will cover 3 to 4 times as much distance as an analog rider. The ebike descends at about the same speed, but climbs much faster. As a result, a single ebike puts much more user pressure on an area. MTB ridership is already growing rapidly overwhelming some riding zones. Ebikes compound this problem even further.

Great care must be used in selecting trails where ebikes are allowed. Zones with a high density of trails should allow ebikes on all the trails or none. Enforcement and education will be a disaster in areas like Tiger or Larch mountain if ebikes are allowed on one trail, but not another.