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Comments: Hello,

I'm a avid 65 year old mountain biker, presently using a conventional bike. However, I know age will one day not allow me to pedal up the hills and I will purchase an ebike so I can access our trails.

As long as regulations are written so horsepower is limited and pedal assist is required, I see no reason to ban ebikes from national lands. My experience on an ebike has convinced me they should be allowed on the same trails as conventional bikes. They will allow a larger segment of the population to access the beauty of America's national lands. Any negative impacts from increased use is a management problem, not an ebike problem. Land managers should manage use as if all bikes were the same.

I've worked for 45 years with the Forest Service as a manager of a river operation on a national Wild and Scenic River. I can say from experience the Forest Service is biased towards historical use, resulting in an agency that is hidebound to the past and resists change. Here's an opportunity to adapt rather than obstruct.

Thanks

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