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Comments: As an aging person with certain handy caps and abilities I have found that the class one e mountain bike has helped me gain vitality and life again through cycling in our local wilderness areas and trails. I'm not a hiker as walking actually hurts my legs after a brief time, yet cycling really gives me the cardio and a sense of well being in the outdoors. I certainly don't like riding in the streets with all the cars, so the trail systems are the best option. While some may disapprove of ebikes in general, I don't think most people in opposition truly understand the class one operation fully. It is merely "pedal assist" which means it will not function, move and or be propelled down or up a trail without pedaling. It does not have throttle like a motorcycle and it has governor on it so it can only go up to a limited speed which is actuated by your leg movement. Some also think that it is faster then a regular bike down hill but that is actually false. Most MTB riders can go down hill on a regular bike much faster then on an EMTB. The only advantage of the class one pedal assist is that you can actually get up a hill or through hills that you would normally not be able to travel unless you are in top physical condition. So, typically, you only use the electric portion in up hill loads and its usually only going a few miles an hour while doing so. So, I am all for class one pedal assist to be operated in used US forest, BLM, and National parks where other standard bikes are permitted.