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Comments: Dear USFS,

I would like to see the Forest Service allow the use of Class 1 e-bikes on all trails where regular bikes & mountain bikes are allowed. I see no difference in impact to the trail from the e-bike vs the regular bike, and I say that from the perspective of a consulting civil engineer. If anything, its the regular bikes being ridden by young and strong riders that seem to be going the fastest, and doing the most trail damage. I am an older rider with a heart condition, and the e-mtb has given me a new opportunity to enjoy trails on public lands that I had lost 20 years ago when my heart condition was first diagnosed. To continue dis-allowing Class 1 e-bikes on USFS trails seems discriminatory, and at odds with the Service's efforts over many years to improve access to public lands for all Americans. Thank you.