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Comments: We support trail access for Class 1 eMTBs and support shared use on trails as long as access is not lost or impeded for traditional mountain bikes. As avid Mt Bikers in our 60's for many many years, IMBA Mt Patrolers for 10 years, advocate for Mt Biking, building sustainable trails and Bike Parks (Dryer Rd, Victor, NY, Ontario County Gannett Hill Park, NY, Tryon and West Bay Park, Rochester, NY,). We also live in Whitefish Montana. This year we purchased Class1 e-bikes to enjoy exploration and adventures in and around Whitefish. We have had not negative encounters with other cyclists whether on bike or regular bike. We realize there is a place for e-assist bikes. My wife and I still ride our non e-bikes so we still experience both. Biggest issue I see is people without solid Mt Bike skills not having the same skill level learned on a Mt bike in technical terrain. We fully support introduction of Class 1 e-assist bikes in National Forrest where it is being considered.