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Comments: Thank you for considering eBikes on trails.

eBikes definitely help people enjoy trails when they have physical limitations (essentially a mobility device). Class 1 eBikes would be appropriate on most trails natural surface trails. I know politics affects access for all user groups. eBike access should not lose specific trail access for another user group. A user group might have to share their trail access with eBike users. Most eBike users act appropriately on trails and most people accept their access. It's the extremes on both sides that create problems.

TMO Criteria needs to be defined. What would limit eBike access? I did not see any specific criteria in the documents. Is it possible to allow complete access while you work out the criteria? That way you can analyze real data to determine what are limiting factors.

Doubtful environmental trail impact is any worse than increasing trail usage. For the most part tread impact is primarily rain and other various weather cycles.

Social impact is always affected by the bad users. Complaints definitely require analysis because it's based on the individual's sensitivity and the specific interaction. More users create more interactions. The question is do we want more users enjoying the great outdoors? Maybe part of the social impact should include whether trail use increased or decreased.

Definitely believe eBikes have allowed more people to enjoy our trails. As we age an eBike might become your mobility device to see the great outdoors.

Thanks for your time,

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