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Comments: With a Class1 20mph max ebike you're not getting any of the problems of a motorcycle. Ebikes are electric, silent and while helping to assist won't be tearing up the roads. People with knee and hip replacements can ride a bike otherwise impossible recreationally. Something that helps anyone get outdoors and off the sofa should be encouraged. This is not a Jeep doing rock-crawling through the forest lands. If I can ride my regular bike on a trail my ebike should be allowed as well. I know my partner with a shoulder and knee replacement wouldn't be able to join me on a regular bike. The ebike has made riding a bicycle possible for a lot of people who are otherwise unable to enjoy a regular bicycle. We should encourage people to go out and enjoy the beautiful lands and not discourage people who want to have the opportunity. Not everyone is 20 years old, and there are plenty of people who couldn't ride a bicycle to see some sights any other way. Having a low speed ebike is good for the planet as it allows people to leave their cars and enjoy being outdoors. Saving gas, absolutely silent, healthy lifestyles. I think the whole point of having a forest service and these incredible lands is for the people to see, enjoy, and be out and about these incredible spaces. I don't think it's just for some people and if an ebike (which isn't going to tear up the land, it can't peel out and it does assist but trust me, it cannot go up a mountain without being powerless in no time. I tried it on a road and while the bicyclists can do it with lightweight bikes and a lot of power, a person on an ebike would have to be the Hulk) As a person who loves to be outdoors and grew up camping, and enjoying fishing, hiking, biking I can say as I get older it would be sad that such a silly poorly thought through rule would stop my being able to enjoy the things I can currently do. I want to stay healthy, enjoy the outdoors as long as possible... if that requires an ebike to do it then I want to have the chance to enjoy it as long as possible. Please don't throw all ebikes into one bin and name them motorcycles. Class1 and Class2 should just be bikes. I've never even gotten mine up to the 20mph max. I'm a photographer and it allows me to ride with equipment to take photos. This is my passion and I want the opportunity to enjoy my photography and my bicycle. If people are irresponsible then they should be accountable. I don't think those of us who respect and love nature should all be hamstrung because of what some MIGHT do. Someone on foot can cause a ton of damage to property. If this is their goal it's going to happen regardless. I believe the general ebike user I've met loves the outdoors enough to spend the money on a bike that doesn't hurt the environment. I know that we love our environment.