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Comments: I support the use of pedal assist ebikes(class 1, speed limited) on Forest Service land. I am a 72 year old male and have been mountain biking since 1980. I have owned an ebike for 2 years and it has increased the time I'm able to spend outdoors enjoying our wonderful mountains in Idaho. I probably ride 100% more

than I would on a conventional bike and I still ride my conventional bike approximately 20% of the time.

An ebike dramatically expands the areas and trails that I can ride, the variety people that I can ride with and increases safety on climbs that used to be very problematic. You can work as hard as you wish determined by the mode you ride in and cover twice the miles. The overall experience on an ebike is wonderful, exhilarating, and beneficial to overall health and well being (especially during the pandemic and mandated social distancing. Fall colors have been fantastic from Stanley to Bellevue, ID. this year and I wouldn't have seen half of them on a conventional mtb.

I believe an ebike actually causes less damage to the trails due to full suspension, soft tire tread, lower tire pressure and the ability to avoid "spinning out" on technical ascents and skidding on descents.

Ebike are here to stay as our population ages. Proper administration and regulated use of trails on USFS land will eliminate many of the conflicts that arise between "abike" and ebike users. There is already a great amount of ebike usage on USFS lands in our areas and it will only expand as population and popularity expand. Thank you for your consideration.

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