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Comments: Mountain bike ebike access is essential to allow all users to enjoy the sport and our public lands. In my opinion it is no different than handicap access to any attraction or event. I've ridden mountain bikes at the highest level for 30 years. I don't own an ebike nor do I plan to purchase any time in the foreseeable future. However, as I see more and more ebikes on the trails I recognize that finally after so many years of only seeing the fittest more coordinated riders, I'm beginning "normal" people out there. Families able to ride together. Seniors continuing to cycle into their golden years. Overweight and unhealthy people having a successful way to change their lives and their health. The bicycle industry and regulators have already done the work to regulate ebikes so the formula is simple. Only CLASS 1 ebikes which are governed to reasonable speeds and power outputs as well as being pedal assist ONLY are the solution. They should be legal to ride on any mountain bike trail anywhere. If trails become too crowded the solution is simple: build more trails. Mountain bikes have very low impact on trails relative to other users and mountain bikers consistently offer more volunteer hours than any other group. While I don't own an ebike and I'm not interested now, someday ebikes will be the only way I can enjoy the sport I love too. If you've never ridden a CLASS 1 ebike I encourage you to test ride one so you can see how this technology will help so many