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As an avid mountain bike rider for more than 35 years my wife and I still enjoy being active outside and especially like riding our bikes throughout the amazing public lands in our country. We have recently purchased a Class 1 e-bike for my wife but one that I also occasionally ride. We are now for the first time in years able to ride together which is a real joy for us. Because she is not as strong the e-bike has opened up all sort of great rides for her. Her passion for mountain biking has been restored.

For me personally, the ability to ride longer rides and go further has been exciting. I am now able to ride where I never rode before and stay out longer. Having put many miles on this bike between us I can assure you that this bike does not add any more wear and tear on a trail than a regular bike. It's basically impossible to spin the tires and though our speed is a bit faster going uphill our downhill speeds are the same. The difference in uphill speed is actually not that much faster. We can just ride uphill longer between rests.

Opening up the trails for Class 1 e-bikes will not have a detrimental affect on any trails. In fact I would bet that since most e-bike riders are older that there would be more people willing to help maintain trails the way we do in our area. We are retired and have more time for both trail work and trails rides.