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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to express my opinion about Class 1 E-bike usage on non-motorized trails on US Forest Service lands. I am a long-time mountain bicyclist. Because of aging, some health issues, my accessing the non-motorized trails on USFS lands is becoming more of a personal challenge. With a class 1 e bike, I can continue to ride these trails in a safe and responsible way. From my experience, I do not believe that pedal assisted type 1 e-bikes present a danger to the integrity of the trail system itself nor to pedestrians, equestrians, or other bicyclist on the trails. As well, pedal assist E-bikes are not motorized propel vehicles. They are simply another type of a "pedal propelled" bicycle, which blends in smoothly and pose absolutely no issues. I have been riding trails since the invention of Mountain Bikes in the early 1980's and have been an avid trails advocate. I am now 68 years old and have had back issues. Please allow me, and all others who chose to use a pedal assist E-Bike, to continue to have bicycle access to our back-country trails and allow the use of E-bikes on all trails that a conventional bike is allowed to use. I see on most rides, many users on E-bikes. They are creating no more problems or issues than any other user group. Sadly, the equestrian community seems determined to ban E-Bikes, which quite honestly is just one step towards attempting to ban all bicycles. It is really most unfortunate that this one user group is so uncooperative and not willing to get along with other users.