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Comments: Hello; as a former IMBA and NORBA member, I would like to submit a comment regarding e-Bike/e-MTB recreational activity and trail use within our USFS and NPS public resources.

I'm in agreement with the IMBA's current eMTB position (specifically):

1-"Access to natural surface trails for traditional non-motorized mountain bikes is critical to the future of our sport."

2-That there is a "need to examine access for Class 1 eMTBs and the unique characteristics they possess compared to traditional mountain bikes."

3-That "we support trail access for Class 1 eMTBs and support shared use on trails as long as access is not lost or impeded for traditional mountain bikes."

4-That "IMBA recommends Class 1 eMTBs be managed independently from traditional mountain bikes and we encourage land managers to develop separate regulations."

As a passionate naturalist my public parks and forest activities arranged from mountain climbing, MTB, wilderness backpacking, trail hiking and camping. There's always a concern regarding the interactions that can arise with increased use of the trail system and especially so with the use of motorized or motor- assisted e-Bike/e-MTB within the trail system.

True; e-Bike/e-MTB can threaten existing access that traditional MTBers enjoy in a number of ways and these will need much thoughtful consideration but also for consideration is that people with diminished physical health or fitness can experience the trail system when aided by e-Bike/eMTB.

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