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Comments: I strongly encourage Class 1 ebikes to be allowed on all NFS trails that allow for bicycle use. Class 1 ebikes do not pose increased damage to trail surfaces or compromise the safety or scenic quality of trail systems. When engaged, a class 1 ebike motor does not produce any audible noise to other trail users. The class 1 ebike also uses zero emissions technology. Class 1 e-bikes are capable of helping a large amount of users, that may lack the physical fitness or skill, needed to other wiser experience the health benefits of outdoor recreation in the national forest. I have seen fist hand how class 1 ebikes are motivating a new sector of the population to explore trail systems and the great outdoors. In the era of COVID 19, the physical, mental and social benefits of exercise in the outdoors should be inclusive of as many users as possible as long the resources are being protected. People suffering from a myriad of health challenges, which may range from physical mobility issues to metabolic issues that may not be outright visible but may prevent them from accessing forest lands in other strictly human powered ways can use this new technology to experience outdoor recreation in a way that is more compatible with their health challenges. The assistance from the class 1 e-bike does not allow a rider to exceed speeds higher than traditional bicyclists achieve on any moderate downhill slope. Proper research will show that class one ebikes can co-exist on any trail where traditional bicycles are allowed.