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Comments: Having been an avid mountain biker since the 1970's, I have been amazed at the hesitation by many of the hard core mt bikers to accept innovations. First was just the acceptance of mt bikes. Then the shocks on the front and full suspension. Different categories of bikes from cross country to downhill. Gearing was also always questioned. When the e-bike was introduced, the complaints were that it was cheating, or the trails would become dangerous as these bikes motored quickly on the trails. All of this is complete nonsense by those who have never ridden a class 1 pedal assist e-bike. It operates just as a regular bike and the adjustable amount of assistance only works as you peddle with a maximum speed for assistance. This has opened the trails for not only us older people, but also the younger to ride longer and climb easier to get to the downhill that we all enjoy. I am 68 years old and this has opened up the trails I enjoyed in my younger years. Are we going to start putting regulations on bike weights, gearing, and suspension also. I strongly recommend that class 1 pedal assist bikes be allowed on all bicycle open forest and BLM trails. Thank you.