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Comments: Thanks for taking comments on this important issue. I have read through the documents and want to strongly suggest that we designate Class 1 E-Bikes as Non-motorized or we keep the classification the same but allow wherever non E-Bikes are allowed.

I have read many comments and there are two basic differences between the folks who do not want E-bikes on FS mountain bike trails.

1. Folks who do not understand that Class 1 E-Bikes are not really motorized. They are pedal assist, make no noise and do not assist over 20 MPH. These bikes do not spook horses any more than a normal MTB does. They have no noise. They have no emissions and in fact do less damage to a trail than that of a regular MTB.
2. Folks that are regular MTB riders, are somewhat purist and simply want to ban E-Bikes from the trails because they do not want change. When in fact they have never ridden a class 1 E-bike and just have personal issue, not practical acceptance. If they were to try a class 1 E-Bike, they would think differently.

I have ridden my class 1 E-Bike on trails with other MTBers and have noticed that the downhillers go faster than I. My E-bike does not go unless I pedal it and does not cause any damage to the trail. I make no noise. I simply cannot do anything that a regular MTB does. My MTB partners have changed their opinion, once they have ridden with me and tried my bike.

This should not even be an issue. As a former motocross racer and trail rider, I know what a motorized motorcycle can do to a trail. I know how noisy they are and an E-Bike is no such vehicle.

My E-Bike allows me to enjoy the forest trails, get outside with my children and recreate safely, with care for the trail system.

PLEASE approve Class 1 E-Bikes for all trails where MTBing is allowed. This sort of non-sense needs to be dwelt with and Class 1 E-Bikes are no different than any other MTB