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Comments: Class 1 ebikes are NOT motor-operated bicycles, they are Pedal-assisted bicycles. There is no throttle and no way to 'make' them go anywhere unless they are Pedaled by the rider! Ebikes riders tend to be older, more careful, and more courteous than other bicyclists. We should not be punished on account of a small fraction of bicyclists who ride too fast and are discourteous. Ebikes permit us to recreate and live longer, healthier lives. I am 70 years old and enjoy the outdoors immensely on my ebike. The pedal-assist allows me to ride in areas that would otherwise be off-limits to me due to my age and declining body strength. Outlawing my bike on federal lands could be considered discriminatory to older bike riders. Please don't let this happen!