Data Submitted (UTC 11): 10/26/2020 4:40:56 PM First name: A Last name: Anonymous Organization:

Title:

Comments: I totally support your proposed revisions to allow e-bike use on National Forest bike trails. For those who understand the difference between Class 1 e-bikes and motorized vehicles, Class 1 e-bikes truly belong in a similar classification as regular mountain bikes. Class 1 e-bikes are ridden like traditional bikes and should be categorized like traditional bikes. It is obvious that they are not even remotely like any of the vehicles they are currently categorized with like ATV's and motorcycles. It's so refreshing that distinctions and revisions are finally being made. These much-needed changes will create consistency with other local State and Federal agencies that have already made similar revisions. No question these needed changes will foster expanding recreational opportunities for many people, particularly the elderly and disabled, enabling them to enjoy the outdoors and associated health benefits. I, along with my wife, are those who will gratefully benefit from the revisions. After riding traditional mountain bikes for many years, we both recently acquired e-bikes so we together can continue our love of the outdoors and mountain biking as we age. With us both having e-bikes, we can enjoy the same trails and also keep up with each other by using different amounts of pedal-assist: this has allowed my wife to ride with me. I'm an older rider (age 66) who has been riding mountain bikes for 25 years and who has supported the MTB community with both time and money. Naturally, I feel that those of us who are aging or have physical limitations (or wives or children who want to ride with family members) shouldn't be prohibited from riding Class 1 e-bikes on trails where traditional bikes are allowed. To be restricted from fully doing so is discrimination. In summary, I fully support the much-needed changes you've proposed, and ask that you take them one step further by taking Class 1 e-bikes OUT of the same "motorized" category as motorcycles/UTV's/jeeps etc. Thank you.