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Comments: I am a 73 year old male that mountain bike rides in the mountains of Utah and Idaho on a regular basis. For well over 40 years I have been an avid mountain biker riding on National Forest Service and other federal public trails throughout the western US. Now that I am older and am experiencing the typical aches and pains of aging and the diminished cardiovascular capability, I am riding my Class 1 e-mountain bike exclusively. It makes it possible for me to continue to experience riding a mountain bike for enjoyment and exercise several times each week on our public trails in the spring, summer and fall. It is a very important part of me maintaining good physical and mental health as I continue to age. I believe that, consistent with Secretary of the Interior's order #3376, e-bicycles should be defined as non-motorized vehicles the same as traditional bicycles are, especially class 1 e-bikes. The National Park Service, the Bureau of Land Management and other agencies under the DOI's authority have adopted the non-motorized definition for e-bicycles. I strongly believe the NFS should NOT continue to define e-bicycles as motorized vehicles as is now proposed by the NFS. Please reconsider this position and move to adopt the DOI precedent to redefine e-bicycles as non-motorized as established in the DOI Secretary's order #3376. This will be a wonderful benefit for our disabled and senior citizens in America, enabling them to continue enjoying all of the many benefits of biking on our public lands. Please do not discriminate and prohibit our senior and disabled citizens from using e-bicycles on our federal public trails that their tax dollars largely help to maintain.