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Comments: I support the changes and only caution decision makers to avoid using these changes to try to restrict use of solely human powered bicycles. I have ridden solely human powered bicycles, class 1 and class 3 eMTBs and gas powered motorcycles on trails. Gas powered motorcycles are in no way comparable to either class 1 or class 3 eMTBs or regular bicycles. The difference in noise makes them very different socially and the power and weight differences make their impact on soft surface trails very different. There is little difference between Class 1 eMTBs and solely human powered MTBs beyond the small, quiet electric motor which is a great equalizer for individuals with different degrees of fitness. With so many individuals having less time to be active and spending more time at desks behind screens, eMTBs have the ability to increase the health of those who have access to them as well as have a legal place to ride them. Right now we are definitely lacking in places to ride them on all but a few public lands.