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Comments: I'm not happy about pedal assist bikes being included in 7711.3. These are just bicycles! Motor vehicles propel themselves, are noisy, rip up trails, and attain much higher speeds than mountain bikes. Pedal assist bikes do none of that and don't belong classified with motor vehicles! That is just a ruse put out by people who want exclusive use of trails. Just classify Class 1 pedal assist bikes and be done with it.

Trails open to eBikes only make no sense anywhere in the West and I'm all over the West for almost 70 years. I've been in this eBike discussion for many years and none of us would want to restrict trails to just eBikes. That isn't fair. Weird idea from the blue.

There are no adverse effect of Class 1 bikes over non-pedal assist bicycles. I've tried to create them and couldn't. The only real issue is increased travel and the potential for increased maintenance. However, bringing more people to MTB should also increase volunteer resources, both people and money.

I've been an FS volunteer since the 1960's including trail lead in wilderness and worked a lot of MTB and backpacker trails. I've done other projects for the FS like organizing volunteers and boats for building cabins in Prince William Sound. I even brought Jeep Cherokee parts from Alaska to the Russian Far East to repair FS Jeeps there, and bought them with my money. I'm very pro FS!

I'm almost 70 and want to continue to ride MTB's but even with lots of exercise my legs aren't holding up well. A Class 1 eBike is still a good workout but helps to moderate the affects of age or medical issues. It is so nice to see riders only weeks out of heart surgery out on the trails and enjoying themselves! There is no reasonable excuse for government to prevent them from riding.

Move the FS HQ to the West! The Sierra Valley in CA would be good :-). They have forests.