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Comments: Thank you for being proactive addressing a new user group. The "old" simple motorized and nonmotorized designations are obsolete. I am a senior citizen who can now extend my love of mtb thanks to the class 1 e bike. Based on my experience, I see no reason to exclude e bikes; no additional trail damage, excess speed, etc. Granted they will probably allow more people to access trails; but isn't that the policy of the forest service: "multiple use".

I fully support the plan to implement on a limited trial basis; that is the real "acid" test.

Last, over the past two riding seasons, I have used my ebike to haul tools to perform trail maintenance, e.g. clearing deadfall; much easier with pedal assist.

Assuming this trial is successful and leads to general allowance of ebikes; I envision a new volunteer user group to assist land managers with trail maintenance; aka like Backcountry Horseman, etc..