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Comments: Hello, as a 59 year-old mountain biker with heath issues that do not allow me to ride my regular mountain bike anymore, I would like to encourage you to allow class 1 ebikes like mine on all trails in the Deschutes National Forest. It is clear that class 1 ebikes and regular pedal only bikes can coexist successfully as demonstrated in Europe and more and more places in the US.

Alternatives to 100% access are:

1. Have designated trails for climbing or use fire roads but allow e-bikes downhill (and possibly flat trails) where they are basically no different from pedal only bikes.
2. Only allow e-bikes on green or blue trails.

Thank you for your consideration. My life would be 15% better if you make this change. People who say "just ride on forest service roads it is the same" are not mountain bikers. Forest service roads are much more dangerous than single track trails from auto traffic and dust etc.

Thanks again,
Paul Sterling