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Comments: Hello,

I want to express my sincere support for the proposed additional access for Class 1 e-Bikes shown on the proposed maps. I am not an e-bike owner but have experience riding trails around the west with high numbers of authorized e-bike users and others with unauthorized use. I can attest to the fact that allowing pedal assist e-bike does not cause additional trail damage or over-use. Factors that are both present for any type of rider be it analog or pedal assist are the issues we should focus on educating users on. Bad trail etiquette - riding wet trails, cutting new lines, roosting every berm, excessive late braking, etc are all multiple times worse for trails than a slight bump in trail use by someone riding more distance in a day because of pedal assist.

I also support smart solutions like keeping some trails in more sensitive area analog only. And agree that creating more access to trail riding regardless of physical constraints or injury, is a good thing. Our forests and public lands belong to everyone.