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Comments: I strongly support the use of Class 1 e-bikes on the proposed trails. I believe that e-bikes allow accessibility to these trails for those that would otherwise not be able, and will additionally reduce the quantity of vehicles at trail heads and on the road due to the increased range that the e-bike allows.

I understand the concerns of the additional speed and weight of the e-bikes. But believe that the Forest Service report misses a few key pieces of information.

Yes e-bikes can potentially travel faster than traditional bikes, however they also have far better breaks meaning that stopping distance can be far shorter on the e-bike compared to a traditional bike.

Additionally, while potentially a class 1 e-mtb can travel at speeds up to 20mph. The reality is that this is rare, you have to work hard to hit this speed. And you still need the bike handling to achieve travel at this speed. If your skills do not match the speed of the bike you will have to slow down. So unlike on a paved surface, we are rarely going to have riders traveling faster than their skills allow.

Lastly, most of the reports and articles quoted in the Forest Service research are based on studies/information regarding pathway bikes, this is irrelevant for the scenario we are discussing.