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Comments: I am in support of the Proposed Action to allow Class 1 e-bikes on the 27.5 miles of existing nonmotorized trails. I care deeply about the impact of our environment, wildlife, and the sustainability of the trails. While I am not myself an avid ebike rider, I do have an immense amount of knowledge of how they ride and the impact they have on a trail, which is no different than a traditional bicycle, and far less intrusive than equine or bovine hooves.

Allowing Class 1 ebikes is all about accessibility. They are hardly faster than traditional bicycles (most fit and skilled riders can ride just as fast down a trail as an ebike). It is about enabling and providing the opportunity for those who may not be able to pedal a traditional bicycle to be able to go the same places that they always have been able to go, and in a safe and sustainable way -- this is what ebikes allow.

I would be happy to speak more to these points. Thank you for the opportunity to comment and share these perspectives.