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Comments: I would like to encourage the Forest Service to allow class 1 e-bikes on any new trails. This could be a simple continuation of what exists on the Frisco peninsula. Most of my friends are at the age where they are not able to ride traditional mountain bikes due to age and health related issues. These are all riders who helped contribute to and built many of the existing trails found in Summit County. But due to age, loss of strength (particularly at our altitude), and many health related issues, they have moved to class 1 e-bikes for mtb riding. Like many other Forest Service trails across the nation, I feel like opening these Ophir mountain trails to e-bikes is both a low risk and compassionate thing to do. I really want to continue riding with my group of friends - knowing that at some time in the near future, I too may be looking to trade my traditional bike for an e-bike to continue the sport I love.

I would also like to encourage the FS to consider as part of the Ophir Mtn plan that cross country ski trails (skate skiing in particular) be a consideration in trail planning. Again, since these trails could be linked to the Frisco peninsula trails and the bike path grooming, it would be a nice compliment to that existing network.