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Comments: I wish to express my support for adoption of ebike classes in National Forest. Ebikes are not motorcycles and the dynamics of the e-bike frame and suspension are very similar to bicycle dynamics. The comfortable speed range off-road is at most 20 mph. In our use of e-bikes we find ourselves traveling about 2 - 4 mph faster than normal but using the assistance to travel much greater distances or harder routes - often 30 to 40 miles when on an analog bicycle we would go 8 - 12 miles.

My wife and I are currently e-bikers and occasionally use ebikes on OHV or motorized-permitted trails within Pike and Roosevelt National Forests. E-biking is wonderful exercise and has partially replaced my use of gas-powered OHVs. In fact, I'd rather be on my e-bike than my ATV! E-biking is a wonderful way to experience our National Forests in a manner very similar to bicycling. The reduced impact on the soil and wildlife is noticeable - we have seen elk and other wildlife that we never would have seen on ATV, both because we can hear and because the e-bikes don't spook the wildlife.

Ebiking enables my family to ride mountain bikes together. In the attached picture we are on a Class 1 legal bicycle trail in Mueller State Park, Colorado. The trail we rode was too challenging for my kids to ride unassisted and too long for them to hike. E-bikes allowed us to enjoy a trail as a family that we would have otherwise never been able to enjoy by helping to tow my youngest and "passing around" my wife's ebike to give the bigger kids a break on long hill climbs. The ebikes deliver mild natural-feeling power so it is really easy for the kids to use. It was a wonderful and memorable day together and the sort of event we would love to share together in our National Forests.