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Comments: I highly object to classification of e-bikes as motorized equipment. I am a 78 year old mountain biker with 35 years of mountain biking behind me. I have skills of many people younger than me but simply do not have the energy to continue to bike all of my favorite trails on a standard bike, some of which are in national forests. I stress that e-bikes are not motorized vehicles, they are classified by Washington and Oregon state laws specifically not to be considered motorized equipment. This is so sensible. An electric assist mountain bike is very little different than a peddled mountain bike. It simply allows an easier climb up hills and at times a longer ride. To prohibit me and others from riding on trails which I have risen on my pedal mountain bike for decades is nothing short of absurd. The sale of e-bikes is exploding. The forest service must recognize the market circumstances of this new means of biking. It is not incomparable to the beginning of the snowboarding era, in which ski resorts were very reluctant to allow snowboards and now find their survival substantially based upon snowboarding. Please follow the guidance of both Washington and Idaho state parks, particularly the Washington state parks, which have thoroughly examined this issue. The WA state parks person, Randy Kline, is an experienced and frequent in mtn biker. He and I have discussed a considerable length how Washington state arrived at their decision, please consult with Randy regarding how Washington state parks arrived at their decision.

I have done extensive research on eBay current regulations in Shoshone county and Kootenai county in Idaho and Spokane County in Washington. I have attached this document.