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Comments: The 3 classifications of Ebikes are not helpful. One definition is all that is needed and it could be something as simple as " a bicycle equipped to provide an electronic assist ". I have an eBike and could not figure out what class it is from your description. What should be restricted is the type of use of the eBike. For instance is it being used for an assist or is it in fully powered mode. Another for instance is a speed limit because eBikes have speedometers. Rules like these allow the rider to monitor their actions. I can monitor what level of assist I use and what speed. The classifications you proposed also are cumbersome to enforce unless you have a list of manufacturer specs to refer to for every make and model of eBike for the NFS and also for consumers who aren't into technicalities of a bike or who buy one used without specs. I agree eBikes should be allowed and that they need rules but the rules need to be simple. Examples are "eBikes are allowed To be used in pedal assist mode only" or "eBikes must adhere to a speed limit of 15 miles per hour ". My eBike usually wants to run at about 11 miles per hour on a street. I have never taken it out on a trail so I don't know what speed it would go. I also know it is less maneuverable and much heavier so a reasonable guideline would also speak to the width of the trail it is allowed on. A trail that is 3-4 feet wide Or less may not be a good place for an eBike. A trail of a certain grade may not be a good fit for an eBike. Thanks for considering allowing eBikes.