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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the classification and usage of e-bikes on USFS lands. I believe it makes sense to adopt the standard classifications of e-bikes currently used by states and DOI. However, when it comes to using e-bikes on public lands, I believe that like OHVs, e-bikes should have their own trails and not be combined with mountain bikes. Although both are bikes, e-bikes are powered vehicles that can reach greater speeds. Most mountain bike trails on the National Forests are single-track, windy and narrow. While it is perhaps unfair to classify e-bike riders as less skilled, their ability to reach higher speeds could endanger those pedaling for 100% of their power.

Additionally, only Class 1 e-bikes should be allowed in the forests. The other classes have too much power and the potential for too much trail erosion, unless they are using OHV and motor bike routes.

Thank you.