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Comments: I think the statement in the 2nd paragraph of instructions for commenting on this project is key: creating an e-bike definition and by adopting the three classes of e-bikes for designation as motor vehicles. Electric bikes are motor vehicles, and should be classified and treated as such.

As such, they should be allowed on roads and motorized trails, but not on nonmotorized trails. With maximum speeds of 20 or 28 mph, and practical limits actually higher, electric bikes are much faster than nonmotorized users, and should be limited to rads and trails with other motorized forms of transportation.

Also, Forest Service should definitely not establish a policy of promotion of electric bike use on Forest Service land. Allowing electric bikes is one thing, but promoting their use, over other uses, should not be done. Electric bikes are not better than other uses of Forest Service land, and should not be promoted.

Establishing definitions and classes for electric bikes consistent with other jurisdictions is a good idea, but the classification should be as a motorized vehicle.

Thanks.