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Comments: there are several fronts that concern me about allowing ebikes on USFS trails. First, is who is going to regulate/police/check which class of ebikes the rider is on? I am fully in support of allowing class 1 ebikes for people with disabilities, a USFS sticker should be displayed in the bike for identification. As for the rationale that ebikes will open more of the forest to users, the existing logging roads would be the safest place for them. THere are thousands of miles of these roads throughout the country and a good map source who serve them well. In observing the use of e Mtn bikes in our area, it is not the disabled or less abled who ride them , but the rider that wants to "shuttle" up the trail to ride the steeper downhill tracks multiple times. This is problematic in that it increases use on steep downhill trails, where the heavier bike and wider tires cause more wear. There is also the issue of a less experienced rider who, because of the ability to go farther on an ebike, or ride uphill for longer, gets into trouble, runs out of power, or doesn't have the skill set to negotiate what the power of the bike offers.