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Comments: Good afternoon,

I am not opposed to the use of electric motor powered bicycles (ebikes) in the right setting. I understand that the rapidly expanding use of ebikes will enable a larger population to enjoy our forest lands and I am an advocate for that opportunity. I have also seen ebikers on singletrack trails that can operate their motorized bicycles in a courteous and responsible manner. However, I have also been run off the trail numerous times by ebikers (I am an avid mountain biker) traveling uphill at a rapid rate of speed. Of course, most of my numerous interactions with ebikers (and most of them are neutral to positive) have happened on trails that have been closed to ebike use (i.e. most ebikers are not paying any attention to posted rules within the LTBMU).

As motorized vehicles, ebikes simply travel uphill at a much greater rate of speed than a mtb (this is simply a fact) and I truly feel like I am being passed by a motorcycle when I encounter them on the trail. Ideally, I would like to see ebike use limited to 1) appropriate class paved paths, 2) forest service system native surface roads and 3) singletrack trails that are specifically designated as multi-use trails that have also been approved for ebike use. I believe that most (60 to 75%?) singletrack trails on forest service lands should be reserved for human powered recreation.

Thanks you.