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Comments: E bikes should simply only be allowed where motorized vehicles are allowed. This is to me is simple, if it has a motor, it is motorized. The e-bike is an evolving technology and will only improve with time and the lines between it and a motor bike will only become more blurred. I am a mountain biker who utilizes the USF lands exclusively and consistently. The e biking crowd is already consistently riding trails that are 'non e bike'. There is no one to police this. Opening any kind of door for e-bikes to use backcountry trails will, in my opinion, open the floodgates for everyone to ride the e-bikes everywhere. As much of a mtn biker as I am, the e-bikes just do not belong on non motorized trails. I have seen many violations this summer in the Palisades WSA and throughout the B-T NF. I just do not feel the mtn bike population can self police or regulate themselves. Defining classes of e bikes is fine, but in the end, a motor is a motor and there is no one to enforce this on the trails when mtn. bikers can't keep the e-bikes off the non e bike trail. If a mtn biker wants to 'earn' in the backcountry, do it by fair means. Keep the e-bikes off the non-motorized trails. thanks