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Comments: I will keep this pretty short. Ebikes are not bicycles. Contrary to what most ebikers will tell you, ebikes have motors. One you put a motor on a bicycle, it is no longer human powered. Trails within our Forestry Lands that only allow for human powered travel(hike/horse/bike) should remain that way.

Ebikes are becoming more and more powerful. Unfortunately...you, me, even the dealers that sell ebikes can tell from the outside whether an ebike is 250 watts or 5000 watts.

Many ebikers will tell you that ebikes are not fast....this is a straight up mistruth. The speed differential between an ebike and a non motorized bike is staggering. An average rider climbing a trail at 4-5 mph gets passed by an biker doing 15-20 mph....how can this be safe? Most trails are multi directional. These ebikes are regularly pushing 45+ lbs in weight compared to a traditional bike coming in from 25-30 lbs. Yes, that extra weight makes the bike harder to control and harder to stop.

Unfortunately, once you allow ebikes onto your trails, you are opening a floodgate you will never be able to close. Bigger, faster and more powerful motors will blur the lines between bicycles and motorcycles.

Keep our forest land human powered only....non motorized.