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Comments: I'm in favor of allowing Type 1 e-bikes on all trails currently open to regular mountain bikes, but with the option for local ranger districts to decide if their use should be restricted on trails in the district. I don't feel that Type 2

ebikes, without the need for human power input, or Type 3 ebikes, with higher motor assisted speeds and more powerful motors should be allowed on what are current non-motorized trails.

I've been a FS volunteer crew leader and sawyer for over 10 years and, for the last 3 years, have had a volunteer use agreement allowing me to use an ebike as part of my volunteer sawyer work. I don't own an ebike, but have borrowed Type 1 ebikes from local bike shops and friends with ebikes for sawyer work. In my experience, using an ebike has no difference in trail impact. In our area, most FS trails are either going up or going down, with very little flat. While the ebike made it possible for me to go faster uphill than pedaling my regular bike, it's no faster going downhill. I'm a fairly fit mountain biker and take part in the local race scene so I can pedal up pretty much everything in the area when out recreational riding. The power of an ebike offsets the 30+ pounds of chainsaw equipment and PPE required for sawyer work and allows me to reach downed trees many miles and thousands of feet of verticle from the nearest trailhead. For riders with less fitness, or loss of strength due to aging, ebikes will allow them to experience the same trails I enjoy riding that would otherwise be unavailable to them.