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Comments: My biggest concerns regarding allowing ebikes on forest service land comes from the encounters with inexperienced cyclists that were illegally riding them thus past summer. The dangerous encounters we had with other cyclists on remote trails such as Johnson pass and Lost lake were from cyclists on ebikes. They did understand right of way and they also did not have proper handle for remote trails.

I understand this is not the case for all cyclists with ebikes but it puts beginners on trails farther away from the trailhead then if they had been pedaling under there own energy. It allows so everyone regardless of skill, regardless of knowledge, regardless of preparedness can ride these longer trails. Yes, you do get the inexperienced cyclist pedaling under there own power who is unprepared but at least they can figure that out closer to the trailhead and you can build the knowledge, strength and handling skills as you work towards the greater distance before you hit the longer trails. .

Ebikes are a great way to get everyone out exercising, experiencing the outdoors, and exploring but for beginners that is done best closer to home. Alaska has so many remote trails that I would be concerned that this would drastically increase the risk for both those ebiking but also for those who encounter an inexperienced cyclist miles from the trailhead.