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Comments: I am writing to support the use of eBikes on public lands. Provided they are restricted to under 25 miles per hour, I would encourage treating them as non-motorized use. In the past 15-20 years, the zest for prohibiting all things motorized has gotten out of hand. I live in Idaho and literally hundreds of thousands of acres have been rendered essentially inaccessible to the vast majority of the public by overzealous motorized restrictions. I acknowledge in some circumstances, motor vehicle noise and erosion are viable concerns -but that's why eBikes present an opportunity to restore access to a large segment of the population while minimizing those concerns. Ebikes don't have much range and are not powerful enough to scale the highest peaks but they could provide a great way to explore old logging roads and other prohibited accesses on public lands. I would expect that rental companies or outdoor programs will make equipment available to the general public once the rules are established, so it truly would be a benefit for the public and not just the elite (similar to rafts).