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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on proposed regulations for e-bikes. The National Park Service has recently adopted rules governing e-bikes in the Parks, and circumstances are very similar in the National Forest System. Just as the NPS has done, it is my understanding that the Forest Service is considering using three types of e-bike classes. I support this approach and support giving authority to local Forest Managers to determine on what trails and roadways e-bike use is appropriate or not appropriate. I urge the responsible officials, however, not to ban Class 2 e-bikes because they have a throttle. The throttle is simply an alternative method for using pedal-assist. Pedal assist can be programed or adjusted with the throttle while the user is pedaling. The Park Service has not banned Class 2 e-bikes, but has specified that use of an electric motor exclusively is prohibited. I urge similar regulations for appropriate National Forest areas