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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to comment. I am an avid outdoor enthusiast and enjoy mountain biking, hiking, backcountry skiing and off road motor biking. I strongly urge you to consider any e-bike of any class as a "Motorized vehicle" and permit use of trails and roads as you would for any motorized vehicle. Here are my reasons:

1. E-Bikes take people into terrain and farther away from support services that some people are prepared to handle. E-bikers often lack the experience and ability to deal with situations in remote areas and I've personally come across ebikers with failed equipment that were unprepared. Your documents cite wanting to make trails accessible to the older population and disabled. I think that ebikes give people without skills the false sense that they can take on more aggressive trails than they can truly handle. 2. E-bikes of all classes can travel at speeds that are not suitable for trail conditions. I personally had an ebiker crash into me going UPHILL at an unreasonable speed. This could never have happened with a traditional bike. I have another friend who had head on collision with an ebiker who was traveling at 20+ mph on a single track trail. 3. I've heard the argument that certain classes of bikes should be allowed on trails, namely class 1. The reality is that once on a trail, it is hard to tell what class of bike someone is riding. My experience is that once any class of ebike is allowed on a trail, riders of any ebike class end up riding it. Policing this is nearly impossible. Confrontations occurs when illegal users are confronted.

I urge you to keep the regulations simple and safe. Any ebike is a motorized vehicle and should be restricted to roads and trails that are open to motorized travel.