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Comments: To protect the sanctity of the wild places in America, I believe that only class one E-Bikes should be allowed in these areas. As with any issues, there are pros and cons to allowing E-Bikes on to the trails. If E-Bikes were allowed onto the trail many more folks would have the ability to access these areas who did not before due to a physical limitation. With the assistance of an E-Bike, they would be able to explore the wonders of National Forests on their own or more independently. On the opposite end of the spectrum if we allow all E-Bikes into National Forests the sanctity of the woods will be lost. While these bikes are quite they can be low moving dirt bikes. At this point, the E-Bike rider is not riding their bike to further their enjoyment but using nature for their activity. This is why only class one E-Bikes should be allowed. This class of E-Bike only uses the motor to assist the pedal motion of the rider and has no throttle i.e. to further the motion of the bike the rider must be pedaling. With only class one E-Bike on the trails, the sanctity of the forest would remain while making it more accessible to a greater portion of the population.