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Comments: I firmly believe that Class 1 eBikes should be categorized on National Forest Land in the same manner as regular human-powered mountain bicycles. Federal regulations already attest to this designation and the USFS is out of compliance with pre-existing legislation on their definition. The industry has done an exceptional job of creating the different classes of eBikes with environmental and other user concerns in mind so it is unacceptable at this point that any federal or state funded lands are out of compliance with what has already been set forth by agencies superior to the USFD, BLM, etc.

In addition, logically, eBikes (Class 1) do not pose the same environmental or patron enjoyment arguments voiced with internal combustion powered vehicles (which I do also believe have their place). Ebikes emit no emissions, spill no fluids, afford no risk of fire, are quiet, and do not damage trails in any way more extensively than a human powered mountain bicycle.

Furthermore, as technology progresses the distinction between human powered bicycles and electronically assisted bicycles will become less distinct or easy to enforce or even identity.

Finally, as someone who has struggled with health issues, eBikes provide a way for many health compromised individuals to continue to enjoy their tax payer provided public lands long after their health or age would exclude them from such rights.

Thank you for soliciting public comment on this topic and I look forward to seeing many more miles of trails open to eBikes (Class 1) in the near future.