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Comments: Re: e-bike designations

I am a frequent mountain bike rider on single track trails in the Gunnison and Rio Grande National Forests. Although I ride an unmodified mountain bike, many of my frequent companion riders are in their 70's and 80's. Not allowing stage 1 pedal assist would keep them off the steeper single track trails and would be a travesty. These riders are entitled to exercise as re the rest of us. Additionally, on trails restricted to bikes where e-bikes are allowed I have not seen any erosion or trail damage from the use of such bikes. They are comparable to the regular mountain bike that I ride in all respects with regard to not only trail damage but also to their effect on other types of trail users, such as hikers and horseback riders.

Please insure that such bike riders have the use and enjoyment of the outdoor opportunities in our area as do other users by permitting the use of power assist e-bikes which still require the main pedal power to come from the rider.