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Comments: It's great to see the Forest Service taking e-bikes into consideration. I realize there are some who fear a slippery slope in which motorcycles-in-all-but-name-only invade trails formerly dedicated to low speed travel, but with the class system you've laid out here, that should really be much less of a worry.

I enjoy pedaling my class 1 mountain bike on rides with my son who rides a regular mountain bike, and I can tell you from my anecdotal experience that skilled, speedy riders on any kind of bike who take downhill sections as fast as possible, brake hard slowing for turns, skidding around them, etc. leave far more impact than I ever will. I don't ride an ebike to go fast downhill. I ride it to get uphill, and take a relaxed ride down (for one thing, I'm not skilled enough to go fast down!). The other damage I regularly see comes from folks out riding after rains or snows have left wet/muddy conditions. Conscientious bikers won't do that, and I've seen signs posted by organizations at trailheads to educate everyone on the impact there, and I think that's the kind of thing that deserves far more attention than trail impact concerns from marginally heavier ebikes, typically ridden by less skilled riders going slower downhill than the expert bombers on traditional mountain bikes.