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Comments: I certainly commend the USFS for proposing updates to its Forest Service Manual [FSM] that would officially define e-bikes as "motorized" and would adopt a three-tier classifications system for designating e-bike access across Forest lands. All three classes of e-bikes do, in fact, use a motor; thus e-bikes are not human powered, and have long been [justifiably] classified by the USFS, BLM and other federal land management agencies as off-road vehicles and subject to travel management plan regulations.

I urge the Forest Service to manage all e-bike use under the 2005 Travel Management Rule, and therefore require NEPA analysis for any non-motorized trails designated for e-bike use in the future.

Our lives literally hum with the noise and vibration of motorized equipment ~ in our communities, our homes, our work places. For me personally, the true joy of traversing non-motorized trails is the [increasingly rare] quality of the silence I find as I wander: the profound absence of "the hum" and the peace this silence brings to the landscape and to me.