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Comments: Thank you for addressing this issue. It's clear that there are strong opinions on both sides of this issue.

I along with my family have been mountain biking for years and enjoy the time we spend together outdoors. Recently I purchased an e-mtb. These bikes are amazing. Yes they have a motor, but in no way does this bike operate in the same way as a motorcycle/dirt bike. These bikes are "pedal assist" meaning they only are powered with manual power, unit a twisting of a throttle, but assisted by a motor. These bikes are also regulated by the government to a maximum pedal assist speed of 20mph, above 20mph there is no motorized assist. On an "analog" bike, not e-bike, we would often reach those speeds and far beyond.

In conclusion, ebikes should be regulated in the same manner as an "analog" non-motorized bike. They function in the exact same way, they DO NOT go faster than a non-motorized bike. But they DO offer greater availability to trails and greater enjoyment of the trails. Please open more trails and areas to e-bikes. Its the way of the mountain bike industry and will allow more people to enjoy our beautiful forests.

Thank you!