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Comments: The USFS Proposed Directive is fundamentally flawed in that it requires any bike trails that allow ebikes in the future to be reclassified as motorized trails. The USFS should instead establish special design and use criteria for excluding Class 1 eMTBs from the motorized definition, so that their use may be designated on appropriate non-motorized trails without jeopardizing the non-motorized status. This will allow for a more streamlined and appropriate trail designation NEPA process by avoiding the unnecessary and onerous NEPA analysis under the Travel Management Rule when site specific trail project planning and review is all that is necessary. E-bikes and eMTBs have an appropriate place on public land trails.