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I support the proposed changes to classify electric powered bicycles as three distinct classes of eBikes. The eBike impacts to the environment are no different than those of normal bicycles. A normal bicycle can be the same weight and dimensions as an eBike; a big rider on a normal bike equals a small rider on a eBike. Federal agencies need to prevent discrimination against user groups, and should not manage eBikes any differently than normal bicycles. While some folks will travel farther and more often on eBikes, riders can and do travel just as far and as often on normal bicycles. Thank you for responding to the growing population segment that enjoys the outdoors responsibly on bicycles of all types. My final comments are regarding trail planning. Efforts should be made to incorporate bicycle-specific trails, just like roadways have car-specific, bicycle-specific, and pedestrian-specific areas separated for safety reasons. Efforts should be made do designate uphill directional and downhill directional trails for bicycles for safety and enjoyment. Thank you!