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Comments: I am against the inclusion of all classes of e-bikes on USFS SINGLETRACK trails for the following reasons:

1. Many of Colorado's terrific singletrack trails can be overly congested with mountain bike as well as foot traffic, ie: trail runners, hikers. Adding children & dogs to the equation can make for a rather challenging trail experience, regardless of user group, particularly on popular trails on weekends. Adding a motorized vehicle to the mix, regardless of e-bike class, adds to already overly congested trails. We DO NOT need more trail congestion by adding e-bikes to the mix.
2. E-bikes ARE motorized. My husband & I - who have worked very hard to be fit over many years - have been huffing & puffing, working hard, pedaling up a challenging hill - only to be passed by an e-biker who is barely pedaling, barely working. No, they are not riding true bicycles. They are riding newly glorified mopeds. E-bikes are motorized vehicles and have no business riding on non-motorized trails.
3. E-bikes potential speed & probable lack of rider bike handling skills on a 55+ pound bike creates risk of injury for themselves & other trail users by riding over their skill level on the trails. Uncontrolled speed & lack of trail skills/reactions will create more injury situations.

We have no problem with e-bikes using USFS dirt roads. Our concern is with their use of singletrack trails = NO.

We are not anti e-bikes. We have a dear friend, who has been a life-long athlete as a ski racer & mountain bike racer, who was diagnosed with Parkinsons Disease several years ago. He rides his regular mountain bike when his body allows him but some days his body only allows a ride on his e- bike. We get it. There are some physical limitations that warrant the use of an e-bike. That use should be allowed in the appropiat situations, though. Narrow singletrack is not one of those situations.