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Comments: I am a mountain biker, hiker and backcountry camper. I do not support the use of E-Bikes of any kind on non-motorized trails. I feel that select trails need to be re-designated in some way to allow e-bikes. Not all trails should allow for e-bikes just like not all trails allow for mountain bikes.

There is no way for the forest service to functionally prohibit a single class of e-bike on trail surfaces through the use of signage. Many e-bikers may not even know the class of bike they are on or they can choose to disregard the classing restrictions. Therefore a new trail designation needs to be created and SOME trails need to allow for this new designation.

I feel that IMBA's stance is wrong and their main concern is to secure their own funding.

E-Bikes are great and they will open the outdoors to many groups of people that would otherwise not be there in the first place, but e-bikes are not traditional mountain bikes nor are they motorcycles and need a separate trail designation that allows for the safe travel of all trail users.