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Comments: I believe that ebikes should be calssified differently that mechanical mountain bikes. I also think that differentiating the 3 classes of bikes, and regulating each use to correspond with appropriate trails, compatible user groups, and density of users is a good idea. In general, I am opposed to ebikes from being used on those that are historically for hiking, biking and equestrian use. I have, however seen in increase in usership and accessibility to those that might not otherwise be exercising, and getting outdoors on the bikepaths. I see THIS aspect as a positive. RFTA in the roaring fork valley has worked with local counties and towns to regulate, but enforcement manpower is limited. Unfortunately, we cannot rely on human beings to follow the rules, and class 3 ebikes have posed a danger to both rider and fellow trail users due to speed and user unfamiliarity. Since enforcement is even more difficult in the vast national forrests, I do not believe that ebikes should be allowed on trails.