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Comments: I applaud the Forest Service's proposal of managing e-bicycle use on Forest Service roads and trails..

As Forest staff may be aware, and as a frequent visitor myself to forest lands, visitors on e-bikes are already enjoying many of the bicycle-legal trails and roads with little or no ill effect. Even though I take an interest in other visitors' bikes and have some knowledge of them, I cannot these days always identify from a distance whether a passing bike is an e-bike or not.

In 2016 my State of California added Section 312.5 to the California Vehicle Code (similar to the proposed Section 7705), defining an "electric bicycle". The intent of this legislation was to encourage more bicycling/e-bicycling and less driving by allowing e-bikes that meet the definition of an electric bicycle to use existing bicycling facilities.

I advocate treating e-bikes equivalent to human-only powered bicycles, subject to the same regulations. Regulation of bicycle or e-bicycle use on Forest Service roads and trails should focus more on behavior and less on equipment.