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Comments: Hello,

I am an avid mountain biker, have ridden eMTBs, and I put about 25 hours of trail work in a year but I don't believe any eMTBs should be classified as bikes.

I love the outdoors and I believe that everybody needs a place to go, that includes hikers, bikers, equestrians, moto, climbers, skiers, fishers, etc. we all need to be able to get outside to do what we love. As previously mentioned, I am a avid biker and I mountain bike 3-4 days a week. Also, I have rode eMTBs and moto bikes. They are extremely fun and I understand why that market is booming.

Having ridden all three (MTB,eMTB/Moto) eMTBs are closer to dirt bikes then mountain bikes. The amount of distance and speed you can get on a eMTB is way closer to a moto for the general public or 85% of bikers.

Additionally, this isn't Europe where MTBs are already allowed on the majority of the trails. Does the forest service have a plan to accommodate excess bike loads? What is the plan for when people complain that too many bikers? What is the plan to alleviate the usage rates?

eMTBs already have a place to ride, please figure out a plan to alleviate or add more trails before you open the flood gates.

Sincerely,

Michael Bowers