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Comments: As an experienced mountain biker, long prior to the onset of e-bikes, I do not believe e-bikes should be considered the same as a standard bike for trail usage in any way. Non-motorized use trails are often technical and narrow and to increase the bikes power output beyond the rider's ability adds a new level of danger for riders and other people on the trails. Trails will also see heavier erosion due to e-bikes, which will impact maintenance costs and long term trail preservation.

Also of note, enforcing the usage of lower-class vs higher-class e-bikes will likely not be practical. It is difficult to distinguish lower class from higher class e-bikes from a distance, and I've seen discussions about mis-labeling bikes to dodge rules like these.

I believe the best comparison for an e-bike would be a mo-ped which have been around for decades and are not allowed on non-motorized usage trails.

In addition, I believe any money spent on re-designating existing trails and signage would be better used elsewhere.

Thank you for considering my comment on this issue.