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Comments: Dear USFS,

I'd like to comment that Class 1 ebikes are pedal assist only. Just like a bicycle, they are only propelled by pedaling. The 'boost' in power from the electric motor is around 250 watts (for the Shimano Steps E8000 model, one of the most common in the ebike industry). To understand how much 250 watts of power is, a well trained mountain bike racer can average around 250 watts just riding on a trail. When sprinting (think of the finale of a race), that same racer might reach 800 or 1000 watts in total. The facts show that the 'boost' in power from an ebike's electric motor well within the range of what a rider on a traditional pedal mountain bike can already do. Please do not classify ebikes in the same group as off road motorcycles or side by sides (OHV's). For example, a Yamaha WR250F off road motorcycle has 38.2 horsepower at peak. 38.2hp is 28,485.74 watts! That's more than 100 times more powerful than an ebike! And a Yamaha WR250F has their *least* powerful engine of any adult size off road motorcycle that they make. Allowing Ebike usage on bicycle or multi-use trails that are currently open to mountain bikes already, is the proper choice. Class 1 ebikes are pedal assist, just like bicycles, and have nothing in common with motorcycles. Please allow ebikes to use traditional mountain bike trails and multi-use trails where bicycles are already legal. Thank you, Chris Conley