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Comments: Re: mountain bike access on notional forest trails

While I am not an official of any organization, I AM a ride leader and coach for multiple kids mountain bike teams and mountain bike clubs in my area. The most important thing here is that NO decisions disallow manually pedaled mountain biking on trails being discussed. This should take priority over allowing eBike access. All types of eBikes have grown hugely in popularity in just the last six months. There are a wide range of so-called eBikes. Some bikes being marketed as such are nearly motorcycles, while others are barely more than an assist for riders with a slight handicap. I urge you to take this into consideration in all access decisions. A minimally assisted bike can make the difference as to whether an older or injured person can ride or not. I would like to see those and only those type of minimally-assisted bikes allowed trail access. I would also like to introduce the possibility that these minimally assisted bikes are limited only to people who do need them, who DO truly have some kind of handicap. This has been done on the state level in several states. What I DO NOT wish to see is access to all motorized bikes. This WILL WREAK havoc on the trails and between users. People who ride the higher-level, fast eBikes are not your regular bike riders, and they should be relegated to motorized trail use areas.