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Comments: The DOI executive order, federal consumer protection law and many state laws have designated e-bikes as non motorized vehicles. If the Forestry Service now claims that e-bikes are motorized this will create a "quilt work" of areas that are open to e-bikes, and those that aren't. It makes it hard to know what area you are riding on and confusing.

In addition, multiple studies have found that e-bikes do not have any more impact than a regular bicycle on the environment. And certainly less trail destruction than equestrians. In addition, e-bikers and mountain bikers respect the land and regular do trail maintenance when allowed to do so.

There are many benefits to e-bikes. They can travel farther than a regular mountain bike due to the motor assist. It allows those less physically fit to explore areas they normally couldn't reach. This also includes the elderly. E-bikes sales are expanding every year due to their features. In Europe this is 6:1 ratio. The US is behind in accepting this new technology.

Forestry Service should accept the same rules as the Dept of Interior, National Park Service, BLM, etc. so that the rules will be uniform across all lands.