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Comments: Dear USFS,

I oppose your proposed approach to classifying trails for E-bike use. My concerns are:

- 1) Once a trail becomes officially designated motorized, maintenance funds we've typically relied upon for maintenance of non-motorized trails, which hikers and mountain bikers rely on, are no longer available;
- 2) Any time access is proposed on a multi-use trail, hikers, mountain bikers, equestrians and others who rely primarily on non-motorized trails lose a non-motorized trail and their funding sources too;
- 3) The current proposal doesn't align with the new rule that the Department of Interior agencies recently adopted, adding to consumer confusion on where eMTBs can go; and
- 4) Locally, eMTB access on Forest Service trails would not align with Washington state law, which classifies e-bikes as non-motorized.

Thank you for considering these comments.