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Comments: I do not support the USFS's proposed motorized classification of e-bikes for the following reasons:

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

Come up with a different classification for eMTBs that does not eliminate funding for non-motorized trails.