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Comments: eMTB and ebicycles in general, should not be classified as motorized vehicles under any circumstances. While they do have a pedal assist, the additional power does not even approach that of a motorcycle. With 250-300 watts being equivalent to around 1/3 hp. Based on this the fear that there will be extra erosion similar to motos, is an argument that does not hold water. Additionally, the increase in speed of most users, would be more similar to the having an extremely fit rider on a standard bike. It has been shown by several studies that a mtb has a similar impact on trails as a hiker, eMTBs are no different. The only argument against them in regard to erosion and wear on trails is that they will allow people to travel further than they would otherwise. This will also allow them to spread out more and use less popular trails, if access is allowed. This will in turn help balance the marginal increase in trail use.