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Comments: I am adamantly opposed to allowing ebikes onto mountain bike trails for numerous reasons.

1. Once a trail becomes officially designated motorized, maintenance funds we've typically relied upon 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. Locally, eMTB access on Forest Service trails would not align with Washington state law, which classifies e-bikes as non-motorized.

5. From my personal experience individuals on ebikes generally do not have much experience biking and are less likely to wear helmets and protective gear. Furthermore, I have witness several individuals on ebikes that are unaware of the rules of the road or trail, which would create dangerous situations for other non-motorized users. Sincerely,

6. My local economy as well as several others benefit from mountain biking on non-motorized trails. Changing the classification would severely affect these economies and people's decision to recreate on these trails.

7. Motorized users already have hundreds if not thousands of miles of trail. It would be unfair to use non-motorized users (who built most of the trails locally) to have these opened to motorized use.

Sincerely,

Jay Monnahan