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Comments: Thank you for allowing the public the opportunity to comment on this issue.

As a mountain biker in Colorado, I have been encountering e-MTBs more often since the technology has grown over the last few years. Unfortunately, many of these encounters have been with people on MTB trails using vehicles which do not conform to the class I, II, III e-bike system. Instead, these vehicles have throttles and no speed restriction. They have pedals and a chain in order to pass as e-bikes, but they are not being used in that way.

In light of the above, it is clear that the NFS, BLM, and other regulating bodies are not prepared or willing to enforce the e-bike classification designations currently guiding whether we allow or disallow certain machines on certain trails. It is my view that granting "non-motorized" status to e-bikes will encourage the use of any and all electrically powered e-bikes and e-bike adjacent vehicles on non-motorized, non-durable-surface trails. This will exacerbate conflict between user groups, increase resource damage, and worsen the disturbance of wildlife.

Until the NFS is able to show that it is able to effectively regulate e-bikes and enforce its existing rules regarding them, I am AGAINST the expansion of e-bike access on non-motorized, non-durable-surface trails.