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Comments: A motor is a motor. I support classifying all e bikes as motorized vehicles. These changes reflect that, while still providing a framework for trail managers to incorporate e-bike use where appropriate. BUT, I would say that these definitions will become outdated very quickly. There are so many e-mobility options emerging, you'll have to amend rules a lot in the coming years - what about push assist offroad skateboards and so called hoverboards? E-scooters? All of these would allow the same sorts of increased access as supporters of ebikes promise. But let's not fool ourselves - this push for ebikes on forest service trails isn't about accessibility or mobility- how many disabled people can as afford an \$8k bike? Really? This is about the upper middle class mt bike community grabbing for more pie. If e-motorcyclists were asking for more access, mountain bikers would be furious. Dont pretend to be altruistic, and point to a disabled veteran who uses an ebike to get into the forest, that is clearly the minority of the e mt bike market. What is next? Motor assist ascenders on el capitan? Climbers will pretend it helps "expand access", but the real question is for whom? In the absence of a compelling public good, national forest lands should be reserved for the lowest impact/intensity uses. Let's not forget these forests provide important ecosystem services, and while recreation is a mandate of USFS, it is not the only one. Keeping forests natural, so they can give us clean air and water and resources, is the primary goal. If they become a playground for every cool new toy invented, they'll end up like...well, that's why we created them in the first place right? We can all remember parts of the forest we've been too where the fascination with engines or guns or hydraulic mining or some other 19th century invention has done irreparable harm to ecosystems. Keeping motors out of certain parts of the forest is a lesson we learned the hard way, and one we forget too easily when presented the keys to a brand new toy. Coming from an avid mt biker and owner of two shiny new class 2 e bikes.