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Comments: The whole intent for E bikes is to allow an older generation to be able to use them and exercise at an efficient rate. If you ban or prohibit E bikes from using trails that they pay for through their tax dollars you're restricting their ability to stay healthy, exercise, and enjoy the outdoors with their friends or family. I personally don't own an Ebike, but I've seen the benefits that they serve. I also know that riding downhill with them is almost no different than riding a regular bike so they don't pose a threat with the flow of the trail. Going uphill I do get jealous that they move a little quicker, but in the end we're all out there to have a good time and enjoy the trails that the state and local organizations build. The only rift that I have on Ebikes, Are the potential motor speeds in technology that goes into RND. If companies develop motors which allow your bike to travel uphill at alarming speeds such as over 25 mph, that could pose a safety threat to children, And unskilled riders. Otherwise, I think ebikes are the future, and similar to back in 2011 when mountain biking started to really hit the scene on forest service land, they had to adapt around the riders through policy that incorporated safety measures as well as maintenance. There's nothing different here. Ebikes are coming, and they not only open economic potentials for regional cities and federal agencies, but they provide jobs and services. My employer always says, don't enact an ordinance if you can't enforce it. Do you honestly think you'll be able to enforce thousands of people using Ebikes? Do you have the staff moving forward to set people out on trails and monitor them? No. So create flexible policy that benefits both the feds, and the people.