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Comments: I like how the WA state has navigated this situation. They have essentially found a way to move away from the binary choice of motorized or non motorized vehicle. This has created the opportunity to be flexible in the rule making process and allowing the land managers to have final say on Ebike access.

I would suggest to the federal government to abandon the binary classification system of motorized and non motorized vehicles as pedal assisted Ebikes truly fall into both categories. This also puts the federal government in an interesting position that will require them to create a third box to check. The model of three options for trail use would also be an easy policy for other land managers to adopt. This third option could also allow input from local communities about the classification of trails without completely becoming motorized and losing important maintenance funding.

Hope this helps