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Comments: Dear Federal Land Management Agencies,

Regarding proposed directives FSM 7700 and 7710 for ebike classification and trail access. I would like to recommend rather than just classifying them all by speed, instead whether it can be operated by a throttle or is solely pedal assist. In the case of being operable by throttle without rider pedal input, I see these as being similar to a motorcycle and so should be treated under similar ideals. If an ebike operates solely under users pedal assist, this should be considered like a non-motorized bicycle. The assist of an ebike means that bike can go faster uphill than a non-motorized bike but also enables access to differently abled people who otherwise may not be able to access these trails. So to sum up my opinion, please differentiate by throttle or non-throttled bike.