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Comments:

E-bikes should NOT be classified as motorized vehicles.

The classification will pit mountain bikers against hikers and equestrians once a proposal is made to allow e-bikes on a previously non-motorized trail by changing it to a motorized designation. The current proposals are also cumbersome and require more resources within an already constrained Federal Agency.

I recommend the following simpler solutions:

\* Adopt Class 1 e-bikes as non-motorized transportation.

\* Adopt Class 2 and 3 e-bikes as motorized transportation.

\* Allow Class 1 on non-motorized trails upon completion of an environmental review and \* public comment process, driven by local forests and/or districts.

\* Prohibit Class 2 and 3 on non-motorized trails.

\* Encourage programmatic NEPA review of eMTB impact on non-motorized trails, at the \* District, Forest or Regional level, to ease the review burden on a trail by trail basis.

\* Approach eMTB access by using a "Closed Unless Signed Open" basis.

Thanks

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