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Comments: Hello! I stand with Evergreen MTB and urge the USFS to adopt a policy that is forward-looking, practical, allows for local flexibility, and does not jeopardize our existing non-motorized recreation organization partnerships. Evergreen advocates for Class 1 eMTB access only upon completion of a public review and in a manner that takes into account historic trail use. That said, the proposed policy changes are NOT ACCEPTABLE. We do not support the USFS's proposed motorized classification of e-bikes for the following reasons:

- Once a trail becomes officially designated motorized, maintenance funds we've typically relied upon are no longer available.
- Any time access is proposed on a multi-use trail, hikers and equestrians lose a non-motorized trail and their funding sources too!
- It doesn't align with the new rule that the Department of Interior agencies recently adopted, adding to consumer confusion on where eMTBs can go.
- Locally, eMTB access on Forest Service trails would not align with Washington state law, which classifies e-bikes as non-motorized.

Please do not adopt this policy and instead, adopt a policy that is forward-looking, practical, allows for local flexibility, and does not jeopardize our existing non-motorized recreation organization partnerships.

Thank you!