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Comments: We are writing to say that we do not support the USFS's proposed motorized classification of e-bikes for the following reasons as listed by Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance :

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

We 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.