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Comments: As a frequent user of federal lands, including those of the USFS, it is my opinion that all classes of ebike (as defined in section 7705 of FSM 7700) should be permitted to be used anywhere a bicycle (also as defined in 7705) is permitted. Notwithstanding the class of e-bike, however, the level of assistance provided by the e-bike should not allow its speed to exceed 20 miles per hour on a level surface - roughly the maximum speed of a bicycle under solely human power.

I have recently retired, which results in two situations. First, I now have more time to spend visiting and enjoying our wonderful public lands. Second, at my age my options to engage in appropriate use of our public lands would be significantly expanded were I able to utilize an ebike to assist on roads and trails that would otherwise be too demanding for my aging body. I encourage you to adopt definitions which will support increased access and use of public lands by ebikes.