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Comments: Dear USFS and BLM,

The proposal to treat all e-bikes uniformly on federal land is problematic for two reasons.

First, local regulation often treats low-power pedal-assist bikes differently from higher-power and throttle-controlled e-bikes. To avoid user confusion on who can go where, I strongly recommend adapting rules on federal lands to existing state regulation.

Second, trail maintenance depends to a substantial extent on funding that is tied to non-motorized recreation status.

It is not to the benefit of *any* recreation group to disqualify existing trails from this funding if e-bikes are allowed, or by setting up an exclusive choice between either allowing any e-bikes at all or maintaining funding.

Please consider treating either some or all e-bikes as non-motorized recreation.

This is not a self-interested request. I current do not own or ride e-bikes.

My thanks for your consideration.