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Comments: All bikes are motorized vehicles. eBike riders observed in the Maroon Bells area, although restricted to the paved road, are observably unaware of biking norms, rules and etiquette. From 30 years of MTB experience I know that MTB trail riding requires knowledge and a minimum level of athleticism to ride safely especially around other riders and in any kind of even mildly technical terrain. In addition, disparate speeds on single track trails, especially on hilly terrain requires skill and caution. The additional weight of eBikes or eMTBs exacerbate the challenge of terrain and other riders.

A secondary consideration is related to battery life as well as search and rescue. eMTBs move quickly and cover more territory than traditional MTBs. This is potentially an issue for search and rescue teams both in terms of "overdue" riders and in the instance of actual injury, locating and evacuating injured riders.

I urge USFS management to either not allow eBikes or eMTBs on existing single track natural surface trails or to build and designate separate eBike trail systems.