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Comments: Hello - your definitions sound reasonable but don't accommodate any future 'classes' of w-bikes which may develop. Why not include, 'these are the only groups of e-bikes we will bconsider as possibly non-motorized....'

Further, to include phrases such as ' people who might otherwise be unable to enjoy these traiks' or similar.... why?? USFS is NOT going to limit e-bike use only to the old or infirm. And plenty of people, if they disciplined themselves and exercised or list weight, could easily ride a human-powered mtb. Many users will buy an e-bike because they want one not because they can't manage to ride a regular bike. You're not fooling anyone with that language.

In reference to what is NOT under consideration here: e-bikes are Motorized. They will let inexperienced riders go further from help, faster than their competence suggests and thus get into more trouble. As well as being possibly offensive to traditional riders who also generally have better ethics in the woods, like how to leave no trace or no toilet paper. In short, you're opening up to a lowercommon denominator of respect for the land you manage.