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Comments: I wholeheartedly disagree with reclassification of e-bikes as non-motorized vehicles, and I do not feel they should be allowed on non-motorized trails for many reasons: 1. We are dealing with the fact that many of the forest and wilderness areas are being "loved to death," and getting so much traffic already. I feel that it is unwise to open up non-motorized trails to other uses And more traffic. 2. E-Bikes are silent and fast, and are a hazard to hikers, horseback riders, and other stock users because of this. We are already working hard to mitigate conflicts between mountain bikes and non-wheeled users-this will not help that problem. 3. The argument that allowing ebikes will open up opportunities to those who are unable to get to these areas without assistance is invalid. Studies show that most e-bike users are every bit as fit as standard mountain bike users. 4. Additional wear and tear on trails: Most trails are not designed with e-bikes in mind. The additional speed they can achieve will tax a trail system that was created for hiking and stock use, as well as the trails that have been designed with mountain bikes in mind. Many volunteer trail groups work with government and forest agencies to clear and maintain these trails, and the additional impact from ebikes would tax this system. 5. Scoping: Why Is it not required for studies to be made before each of these individual trails are reclassified to allow ebikes? I know of at least one instance where scoping had to be done in order to replace a pit toilet/outhouse with a vault toilet in a campground. Obviously, a vault toilet would have less impact on the environment around the campground than a pit toilet, yet studies were required. This should be done for every instance where the user designation for a trail is changed.

Conclusion: This seems like something that will benefit a small, special interest group, and as a whole, would be a detriment to our trails and those outdoors people that enjoy using them now. Please keep the ebikes with the other motorized vehicles, where they belong.