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Comments: To whom it may concern; I am strongly opposed to the idea of Ebikes in Pisgah National Forest (any Nat Forest) for the following reasons. In my experience adding a greater ease to accessing the back country brings in a different element of trail user. I am, besides a mtnbiker, also a motorcycle rider and watched as OHV areas Like Wayhutta, Brown Mtn and Enorree once allowed the inclusion of side-by-sides a very different and undesirable crowd moved in, those that had little off-roading skills and more of a propensity to disrespect and trash the woods. I am also a volunteer trail crew leaded in PNF and while I do not think the Ebikes themselves pose a problem to the trail bed, although technically they are motorized, but the type of enthusiast who will degrade out trail system out of ignorance and/or malice. Also I am aware Ebikes do serve a particular rider well and that's the handicaped. With that said, I believe the solution would be to offer handicap tags/stickers to people that qualify so as to regulate the Ebike usage to those that truely need it. Thank you considering that all (three) types of Ebikes are in fact motorized and have little place in our national forests. Just like our wilderness areas have restrictions, the sanctity of the forest needs to limit what is allowed and what is not, and motorized bikes should definitely not be.