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Comments: Medicine Wheel Trail Advocates form our positions by applying our Mission, Vision and Values:

Mission: We are mountain bikers who build, share and protect inspiring trail experiences.

Vision: To create a world class network of mountain bike trails in the Pikes Peak Region

Values: Recreation, Conservation, Collaboration, Inclusivity, Integrity, Bicycling

MWTA believes that this USFS clarification is a reasonable and careful step in addressing the increased desire for eBikes access on trails. It provides a pathway for expanded eMTBs access that requires substantial public process to make the change. This clarification means that more eMTB access is possible with some effort, and that changes in trail use won't be rapid. This gives land managers and trail users the opportunity to evaluate and prioritize proposed trail changes as eBikes become more common and as the technology matures.

We note that reclassification of a trail to motorized could change potential funding sources available for it.