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Comments: The proposal to allow e-bikes on non-motorized trails seems absurd. Please consider the following.

1) By any definition of motor, these bikes are motorized in that they provide motive power. Please do not suggest these bikes are non-motorized. This defies all engineering and scientific acceptance of the word "motor." Please don't add any confusion.

2) In my communities of Southern Oregon and Northern California these electric power-assisted bikes are being adopted more by the younger, hipper, and already fit hardcore MTB folks. They allow repetitive attempts at longer and longer downhill runs. Where a rider might have 1-2 attempts under self-power, they now have 3-4 attempts. With technology growing and battery cells becoming lighter and lasting longer, these bikes will become the future of the hardcore "downhill" riders. Don't kid yourself, e-bikes open up a lot more trail use and repetitive downhill higher-speed damage on trails.

I am absolutely against any use of motorized bikes on non-motorized trails. E-bikes are motorized. They provide additional power to assist the rider and reduce the rider's workload.

If the Forest Service wants e-bikes on trails, then they should build more "motorized" trails for them. There are currently thousands of motorized trails available to e-bikes. The MTB community seems to want access to traditional trails that are meant for 100% self-propelled travel. Please have some insight into the future as the technology of e-bikes is growing exponentially.