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Comments: In reference to these proposed changes, I would like to voice my concerns as far as regulating the allowed vs non-allowed classes of e-bikes. They are visually hard to distinguish the difference. My foremost concern is knowing that there is no available forest service staff to make sure that only the allowed classes are on the trails. As a hiker or a horseback rider, it is understood that bikers must yield to those users and are liable. However a hiker or horseback rider will never be able to hold the unauthorized ebike user responsible as they are most likely to be injured and on the ground as the bike user is leaving. A hiker or horseback rider would not be able to tell the difference in a authorized or unauthorized ebike class to even report a violation. A silent,fast-moving class of ebike will definitely cause more accidents to hikers and riders in locations that will be hard to access both from there inability to stop before a collision, and their quiet quick movements that startle horses. In addition to these proposed changes, I feel that allowing these impossible to regulate classes of e-bikes on non-motorized trails will simply push other users out of the trail system for fear of being injured. If user conflict is indeed a priority, and safety a concern, ebikes should be on a trail system not used by hikers and horseback riders.