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Comments: I believe the USFS should designate all three classes of e-bikes as non-motorized. At a minimum, I would suggest that any policy revisions should align with USFS 36 CFR 212.1 and designate class 1 and class 3 (pedal assist) e-bikes as non-motorized and class 2 (self-propelled) as motorized.

From the research that I have read and from personal experience there is no difference in impact to trails between traditional pedal bikes and e-bikes.

The use of e-bikes simply makes access to trails available to many of those who would have been unable to use the trails due to disability or other reasons. They seem to help people increase their options to exercise safely and with more enjoyment.