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Comments: Please designate all three classes of e-bikes as non-motorized. Consider alignment 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.

If USFS classifies all e-bikes with a motorized designation, it may affect future non-motorized funding sources like RTP and NOVA grant funding in Washington State and similar non-motorized funding in other areas of the country. It also has an unintended consequence where any trail that allows a class 1 e-mtb would receive a motorized designation!

I believe that banning all e-mtb's from ALL National scenic trails is the wrong approach and that a programmatic approach of where and how they can be considered at the local level.

USFS should be in front of the technology as adoption of e-bikes continues to grow.