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Comments: When I think of allowing e-bikes / electric bikes as not falling under the classification of a motorized gives me pause and concerns me. Of course an e-bike is motorized it's just a question of the energy source supplying the power - whether it be fossil fuel or electric.

This is indeed a slippery slope to open the door and allowing one form of motorized bike (e-bike), think Tesla. This would set a precedent for other motorized bikes (fossil fuel) think Ford, Dodge etc. in the future. I am not buying the argument about accessibility - with less than 1/3 of respondents to a Portland State University study stating they have physical reasons that make riding a standard bike difficult vs an e-bike, while over 75% of respondents stated that the speed and acceleration of the e-bike are exciting.

This represents a motorize vehicle that will detrimentally impact the "one with nature" atmosphere that is treasured in the forests. Speed and acceleration is not conducive to being in nature - it is conducive to wanting a venue to experience speed and accretion. Further, the existence of e-bikes would create safety issue to others in the forest who will now need to take part of their focus away from nature to ensure they are not colliding with a motorized vehicle.

This topic should not be under consideration and should be rejected.