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Comments: I support allowing electric assisted bicycles (e-bikes) to be used on trails formerly restricted to non-motorized use only. I do not support classifying e-bikes as motorized vehicles in the same class as motorcycles, snowmobiles, and other fully motorized vehicles. E-bikes must be pedaled in order to move, while motorcycles do not. Most e-bikes are limited to either 20 or 28 miles per hour with motorized assist. Most motorcycles are not. E-bikes are virtually silent and do not contribute significantly to pollution or CO2, while most other motorized vehicles do.

I think there should be a distinction between e-bikes, which must be pedaled to move, and other motorized vehicles, which are powered solely by a motor. Local land managers, along with the public in those areas, should be able to choose the modes of travel that are appropriate for certain trails. Otherwise trails where e-bikes are appropriate will likely be restricted to non-motorized use only, or motorcycles will be allowed on trails where they are inappropriate.

In summary, I think local land managers following appropriate comment periods and studies, should be allowed to restrict modes of travel however they feel necessary to support responsible and appropriate access to public recreation.