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Comments: I encourage and support that all trails open for bicycles also open to all pedal assist e-bikes (Class 1 & 3). From a trail management and use standpoint I see no difference in the impact of pedal assist e-bikes over bicycles. I would disagree classifying pedal assist e-bikes as motorized vehicles if that categorization equates riding an e-bike on a trail with riding a motorcycle on a trail. A maximum speed can be designated if that is an issue on trails just as it is on roads.

E-bike use, especially pedal assist, most closely follows bicycle use and the growing population getting into e-bikes is likely doing so as a way to start or extend bicycle use. With an aging population exercise in nature should be encouraged to the fullest extent.