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Comments: I agree and support with classifying E-Bikes as a motor vehicles. They clearly utilize a motor and therefore, by definition, are motor vehicles.

Since E-Bikes utilize a motor, they should be limited to roads and trails that are designated for motor vehicle use. E-Bikes should not be allowed on trails or in areas that are designated for bicycle use or other non-motorized travel.

Though E-Bikes may allow for a variety of new opportunities, the introduction of a motor on an E-Bike fundamentally changes the classification of the vehicle and its capabilities. The additional capabilities include increased speeds in the uphill direction as well as quicker acceleration, both of which create a greater difference in speed between trail users that could potentially create safety risks. In addition, the introduction of a motor changes the mental and philosophical aspects of travel through the forests. These differences are more difficult to quantify, but are real and should be considered for limiting E-Bikes to use in designated motorized vehicle areas.

Please do not allow E-Bikes onto trails or into areas where only bicycles or other non-motorized travel was previously allowed. Keep E-Bikes on roads and trails designated for motor vehicle use.