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Comments: I do not believe that Class 2 or Class 3 e-bikes have a place on non-motorized FS trails. I think an argument could be made for Class 1 e-bikes on certain FS trails, but it is a slippery slope and a decision that should not be taken lightly.

As a Forest Service employee working in Recreation, I know first hand many of the difficulties that have arisen with just the increase in bicycle use on trails that were not originally designed for bicycles. These trails need more maintenance and are in need of different, more biker friendly, solutions and structures. This takes funding, and that funding is lacking. There are also user conflicts and safety issues on some of these trails.

I can see the benefit in allowing Class 1 e-bikes on certain trails in order to enable a larger, more varied, group of the public to experience access. However, I believe that the opening of certain trails to Class 1 e-bikes should be made at the district level, and it should not be a district wide decision. The decision should be made for each trail considering the effects and how e-bikes will interact with the current user type.

Thank you