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Comments: Current National Forest Service policy classifies all ebikes as motor vehicles. Ebike access is thereby restricted according to the general rules for all motor vehicles. I am writing to ask that the Lolo National Forest Management Plan Revision consider the management of ebikes, particularly the class-1 ebikes and eMTB (e mountainbikes). Use of mountain bikes is allowed throughout most of the Lolo National Forest, but eMTB use is restricted to a relatively small area. The rapid growth in the sales and use of eMTB is increasing user pressure in the restricted areas that allow eMTB and creates conflict with other users of those areas. The revised Forest Management Plan should update plans for ebike use to meet the increasing needs for additional areas and trails that allow eMTB riding in the Lolo National Forest.

I am one of the founding organizers of the "Zootown Ebike Club." One of our purposes is to facilitate the bi-directional discussion between the ebike community and land managers, city transportation planners, and Parks and Recreation planners. We hope to be a resource for communication during the process of revising the LNF Forest Management Plan and look forward to future opportunities to engage in the planning process.