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Comments: I understand e-bikes offer great options for expanding recreational opportunities for the disabled and elderly. However, I worry how allowing e-bikes will change the user experience on certain trail designations, and how the e-bike restrictions will be enforced given the Forest Service seems to already be short staffed and trying to address several current resource impact issues (i.e., based on the specific trails e-bikes are allowed and the Class of e-bike allowed).

I think a compromise is to allow e-bikes on Forest Service roads; however, I do not think e-bikes should be allowed on trails used for hiking. Given the increased impacts we are seeing on NFS land resources due to increasing population, and the COVID pandemic which has resulted in more people looking to get outside, I worry how allowing e-bikes on hiking trails will affect the user experience and impact already affected resources; I think about this too for trails used for mountain biking. E-bikes potentially allow users to access farther into NFS lands, which - as mentioned - would affect the user experience of hikes/mtn. bikers, and potentially further disturb wildlife resources which are already being increasingly impacted by users recreating on NFS trails. I think allowing e-bikes on trails/roads already designated for motorized vehicles is a good compromise as it would not impact the user experience in the way it would impact hikers and non-motorized bike users.

Thank you for considering my comments.