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Comments: I recommend the U.S. Forest Service allow e-bikes on trails currently open to other motorized vehicles, and not on trails designated for hiking alone. If they are to be used in new areas, I suggest environmental impact assessments of their potential effects on wildlife.

Due to e-bikes' higher speeds, they have been shown to stress wildlife. They also allow bikers to venture further into forested areas they formerly could not reach on traditional bikes. This could put people in contact with more sensitive wildlife populations.

I believe we need to take into consideration the wildlife that lives in more remote areas and that seek to avoid disturbances by humans. Instead of encroaching into new terrain, we should limit e-bikes to trails that already see faster-moving vehicle traffic.