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Comments: I strongly request that all classes of e-bikes be prohibited on all trails designated for bicycles in our National Forests

I am an experienced bike rider and have ridden motorcycles as well. Based on my personal experience e-bikes are dangerous and are not compatible with human powered bikes. I have personally experienced accidents due to excessive speeds of e-bikes. Even if they travel less than 20mph, there are sections of trails where e-bikes artificially allow riders to travel faster than the trails were designed. E-bikes also cause excessive impacts to the trail similar to what motorcycles do to OHV trails. The trails themselves change because of the power applied to the rear tire causing rutting, wash outs and excessive erosion. This negatively impacts the ability to use the trails for human powered bikes or hikers. There are trails we no longer ride because they have effectively been 'taken over' by e-bikes and are no longer suitable for regular bikes.

Simply put e-bikes are a form of motorcycle. It is a cycle with a motor. It doesn't matter that it runs off a battery vs. a gas engine. There are OHV trails designed for motorcycles, and opportunities exist to safely allow e-bikes to access the forest on these OHV trails.