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Comments: I am wholeheartedly FOR allowing eBikes, Classes 1 and 3, into National Forests. This will enable people who would otherwise be unable to enjoy our public lands to do so.

In reference to speed that many of those opposed mention, it should be noted that a pedal only MTB going downhill could easily exceed 30 mph safely in places. Trail etiquette, unfortunately, is not observed by all. Notices could be posted regarding "right of way" and appropriate behavior/caution by all. I have encountered belligerent equestrians on more than a couple of occasions (including coming across cigarette butts and empty beer cans that were obviously left by them) way more often than other trail users, but I do not support a ban of horseback travel.

I would much rather see livestock banned from our public lands than modes of human travel. Although eBikes are, I suppose, technically "motorized," I am totally against the use of internal combustion engines, but am accepting of the technological advances in quiet, non-polluting (including noise) electric motors on bicycles. As I myself age, I am already unable to hike, bike, etc. as I was even a few years ago. I want to be able to access as much terrain as possible, and allowing me to ride an eBike will make that more possible.