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Comments: As a horsewoman I can see problems arising from ebike usage in the national forests. I can hear motorcycles and 4 wheelers approaching and set up my horses for safety. If I can't hear something approaching, the horses will hear it before I do. I have no idea how they'll respond.

It is my experience that few people other than horsepeople understand the way a horse thinks, sees and reacts. Educational efforts don't seem to reach the people who really need to know how dangerous it is to surprise a horse. The person most likely to me hurt or killed is the horseperson.

Ideally I'd like anyone who rides a motorized vehicle in the forest to know how to safely encounter horses and to be prepared to stop and wait until the human with the horses says things are safe. An ebike may make that even more difficult as it can approach soundlessly and line of sight can be restricted in forest. Any plan to protect horses and humans would need to be carefully thought out and implemented. Good luck.