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Comments: Dear U.S. Forest Service,

These are my personal comments regarding the proposal of the Forest Service (FS) to align its e-bike policies with the Department of the Interior. There already is a lawsuit over the Interior's policy on e-bikes. The FS should wait until the lawsuits at DOI are finalized and then decide what it will do.

In the meantime, the FS should ban the use of e-bikes on all trails. The FS should prepare a narrative of environmental impacts that e-bikes may cause and prepare an environmental impact statement to determine what it should do.

E-bikes are getting faster, more powerful, and more able to move over rough terrain. They can cause environmental impacts similar to gasoline powered motorcycles and other vehicles like all-terrain vehicles and off-highway vehicles. The potential for environmental destruction and degradation is large.

I am opposed to any FS action and any directive action that will allow or pave the road for e-bike use on any trails or off-trails on the National Forest System (forests and grasslands).

I do not support any e-bike use on non-motorized trails. If e-bikes are eventually allow in the National Forest System they should only be allowed on designated and up-to-standard motorized trails. I do not support the use of e-bikes in wilderness areas, wilderness study areas, scenic areas, research natural areas, riparian and bottomland areas. or any areas where there are endangered, threatened, and regional sensitive species.

The FS is supposed to protect the National Forest System. It has had a difficult time in protection of the System with regard to illegal motorized and bicycle use. E-bikes will make this protection requirement even harder since the FS does not have the personnel, money, and resources to conduct adequate monitoring, inventorying, and enforcement. The FS should stop, halt, and pause and really protect our natural landscapes instead of giving in to commercialized, greed-induced recreation that degrades our beautiful federal public lands.