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Comments: I am an avid bicyclist, and enjoying riding both on National Forest trails and roads (on my mountain bike) and on public roads (on a road bike or commuter). E-bikes are a great addition to the transportation mix, but the rapidly increasing power, weight, and speed of newer generations of e-bikes means that they need to follow sensible restrictions. I believe all classes of e-bikes should remain classified as motorized vehicles, and not be allowed on NFS trails. New mountain e-bikes often weigh 50 pounds and allow riders to travel at faster speeds, making them a danger to hikers, equestrians, and other riders. I know e-bike owners that have crashed on gravel roads or trails because their new heavier and more powerful bikes don't handle the same way as a non-motorized bike, causing broken bones. So far I've only talked with e-bike riders that have been injured, but e-bikes will also be a danger to other trail users. Please keep all categories of e-bikes off NFS trails, and leave them classified as motorized vehicles.