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Comments: Dear Ms. Wu,

I'm strongly opposed to the allowing of e-Bikes onto BLM lands.

I'm a 26 year resident of the Mountain West, currently in Idaho for the last 17 years.

There are many reasons I oppose the use of these vehicles on trails where other motorized vehicles are not allowed, but I'll make you a short list.

- Noise pollution disturbing wildlife and other recreationists.
- Trail destruction, including cupping, braiding and expansion.
- Increased risk of accidents in rural areas placing unnecessary burdens on local EMS in those areas.
- Increased use on these trails by other motorized users, even when not allowed.
- Increased pressure and stress on wildlife as e-Bikes would allow someone to venture further into rural areas then they might on foot or mountain bike.
- once one type of motorized vehicle is allowed, people with ATVs, and dirt bikes will lobby for access.

Here in Blaine County, Idaho we have seen a record number of outdoor recreationists this summer during the pandemic, many of them first time campers, bikers, hikers. This summer, myself and my family have had numerous interactions with people putting themselves and others in danger as they tipped canoes in mountain lakes, went hiking in the back country without maps getting lost, and went rafting on the river in tubes without PFDs.

To expect that someone will follow safety guidelines, show common sense, and good trail etiquette if given the opportunity to ride trails at high speed with little effort on their part is an expectation not based in reality.

I hope the Forest Service will register my opposition and choose to not allow e-Bikes on BLM.

Thank you,