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Comments: The Forest Service should change its regulations for e-bikes within our National Forests.

* e-bikes do not damage trails. The motors only assist on grades and, unlike dirt bikes, are not powerful enough to damage trails by spinning the wheels.

* Their batteries and motors are water & spark-proofed and therefore do not present a fire risk, certainly less risk than a horseshoe on rock

* They produce practically no noise.

* They do provide help to a rider pedaling up a grade. This is obviously a great advantage to the elderly and people of limited physical strength. This benefit allows all of us access to our trails, not just the young and fit.

* The Forest Service should not discriminate against physically limited and older folks who can greatly benefit from the use of an e-bike.

* The Department of the Interior has just changed their ruling to allow e-bikes. The Forest Service should follow suit.