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Comments: Dear Forest Service,

I thank you for acknowledging the importance of creating explicit rules for e-bikes on trails in the national forest system. As you proceed, please try to imagine every possible contrivance of e-bike that could be invented in the future. Some will try to evade your definitions, and possibly bring even more electric/motorized vehicles onto forest trails. E-bikes are, after all, a motorized vehicle.

I personally believe that e-bikes should be relegated to roads and trails that currently allow motorized use. As a hiker, the idea that I might constantly feel threatened by a motorized vehicle, frightens me no end. Whatever the future holds, we need to protect our forests before they all become raceways, harmful to people and wildlife. I don't believe speed is any part of the intent of Forest Service regulations-it stretches the term "multiple-use," and would further limit hikers' use of trails. Please include enforcement methods in your plans, along with consideration of impacts to wildlife. This is more than just an anthropocentric issue.

Thank you for being proactive in dealing with this.

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