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Consider these facts:

-An estimated 60,000 miles of US Forest Service trails are already open to e-bike use. Across all public lands, millions of miles of roads and motorized trails are open to e-bikes.

-Motorized bikes travel further and faster into the backcountry. Traveling up to 20-30 mph, e-bikes disrupt wildlife, impact habitat, and ruin the small portion of public lands that are quietly free from motorized vehicles.

Allowing e-bikes will increase trail use and the likelihood of reckless off-trail travel, further impacting ecosystems and causing erosion.

-Two recent encounters with grizzly bears (one in Glacier and one in Yellowstone NP) occurred while a mountain bike rider unexpectedly rode dangerously close and startled the bear, inciting an attack. E-bikes are even more likely to enable a rapid, unexpected encounter. And the reach enabled by e-bikes impacts other wildlife sensitive to human disturbance. These impacts are avoidable and unnecessary.

Please do not open more areas to e-bikes. Enough is enough.

Thank you,  
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