Data Submitted (UTC 11): 10/19/2020 3:18:43 AM

First name: Ben Last name: Farris Organization:

Title:

Comments: I am for allowing E-Bikes on National Forest System trails. Testing done by other trail networks has shown that E-bikes and traditional bikes have the same effect on the environment and their size and speed being similar means they are no more dangerous to other trail users. The benefits that E-bikes offer to allow more people with, health, fitness, age, etc concerns that would otherwise limit them are immense. From reading many of the other comments it seems most of those against E-bikes simply don't understand what an E-bike is and their concerns all seem to compare E-bikes to dirt bikes and think they go screaming down the trails at 50mph throwing a stream of dirt behind them when in fact they've probably been passed by an E-bike on a trail and never even noticed. In addition to the direct benefits the growth of E-bikes in Europe has shown that the increase in recreational use of E-bikes also translated to their proliferation for transportation use with can translate to a reduction in carbon emissions. Please consider the facts and benefits from allowing E-bike use when making this decision, thank you for your time.