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Comments: Dear Forest Service - I am vehemently opposed to E-Bikes on forest service trails, and, frankly, I'm not keen on regular mtn bikes using them either. I have been a National Forest hiker and backpacker for 50 years, and, yes, I'm also an avid cyclist. My experiences more recently with the advent of more and more mechanized mtn bikes and now with motorized bikes on trails is the following:

- Bikes erode trails requiring more maintenance
- Bikers always expect the right of way to have the hiker step off - this is not right.
- While most bikers are civil, there are a number I've needed to speak to for disregarding speed.
- Does anyone think the current generation of mtn bikes is NOT going to become more burly?
- Wildlife has less chance to get out of the way of speeding bikes and become hidden.

Perhaps a travel mgmt plan for only certain trails for bikers and hikers that clearly lay out the protocols that need to be observed? Bikers pay a fee for use of these trails?

Thank you for taking my comments...

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