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While E-bikes are a wonderful mode of transportation there are certain places in the world where the wild shall remain.

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. Why needlessly expand access?

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.

in wilderness is the salvation of the world!

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