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Comments: The Forest Service should withdraw this proposal.

My National Forest lands should not be open to additional e-bike use for the following reasons:

- 1. E-bikes are motor vehicles, not bicycles. New e-bikes are being developed now that will drive up to 55 mph. E-bikes must travel only where motor vehicles are allowed.
- 2. This proposed rule will have environmental impacts that should be fully evaluated through an environmental impact statement (EIS) under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).
- 3. The proposed rule appears to set up conflicts with the Forest Service's Travel Management Rule (36 CFR 212 et seq).
- 4. E-bikes travel much farther into the backcountry therefore disturbing wildlife over far greater distances. E-bikes also conflict with other nonmotorized trail users like hikers, horseback riders, and bicyclists.
- 6. Because there is almost no enforcement now for trespassing onto forbidden areas, e-bikes will increasingly trespass into Wilderness and other protected areas with no consequences. This illegal use will degrade the wild character of these lands and should not be encouraged as this rule will do.

Do the right thing. Stop thgis proposed e-bike rule.