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Comments: I oppose the Forest Service's proposed rule to open up my National Forest lands to additional e-bike use for the following reasons:

*E-bikes are not human powered so need to be treated as motor vehicles, not bicycles. E-bikes are increasing in speed and should only be allowed where motor vehicles are allowed.

*All environmental impacts should be fully evaluated through an environmental impact statement (EIS) under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

*The proposed rule appears to set up conflicts with the Forest Service's Travel Management Rule.

*Because of their speed and lack of sound e bikes scare wildlife other trail users like hikers, horseback riders, and bicyclists.

*There is little if any enforcement now for trespass, illegal off-trail riding, and illegal trail development by some bikers, e-bikes will increasingly trespass into Wilderness and other protected areas with no consequences. This illegal use will degrade these lands and should not be encouraged.

*The Forest Service should withdraw this proposal.