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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.

E-bikes must continue to be treated as motor vehicles, not bicycles. Research shows that like all recreation, mountain bikes displace wildlife, and because they travel farther and faster than hikers or equestrians, they can impact a much greater area in the same amount of time. E-bikes can travel much farther into the backcountry in less time, and startle and disturb wildlife over far greater distances. E-bikes also conflict with nonmotorized trail users like hikers, horseback riders, and bicyclists.

Thank you,

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