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Comments: Dear Sirs,

I am opposed to allowing any type of e-bike into the wilderness areas on unpaved surfaces and on any roads on which private automobiles are not allowed. These bikes can go further and faster than normal bicycles and can interfere with wildlife by surprising them and interrupting their lives in the wilderness, thus obviating the very purpose of maintaining a wilderness area. They are very different in this respect from ordinary hikers, and those who go on horseback. I urge the agencies to discard these proposal and not to pursue them further. However, should the agencies or any one of them decide to pursue the possibility of allowing e-bikes to penetrate the wilderness areas, then a detailed study should be undertaken of the potential environmental impact of these e-bikes on the areas, whether they should be allowed at all, and if so, how they should be controlled should they be allowed.

Thank you for your consideration of these issues.