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Comments: My husband and I are opposed to allowing e-bikes on trails in our National Forests, and we are certainly opposed to expanding any e-bike use that is already allowed. We are mountain bikers, and even in our mid-70's we still enjoy riding trails. If/when we start using e-bikes, we will only ride them in appropriate places-- not on forest trails. E-bikes can quickly and quietly move through the backcountry, disturbing wildlife far more than ordinary bikes. There will be definite conflicts if e-bikes share trails that are otherwise nonmotorized, since other users (on foot, horseback or pedal bikes) will be taken by surprise. We have test-ridden e-bikes, and several of our friends have them. They are an important new recreational choice, but they should not be allowed on forest trails.