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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. Research shows that mountain bikes displace wildlife. 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. They must be treated as the motor vehicles that they are, not traveling where motor vehicles are not allowed. The impact on the environment would cause increasing damage for years to come, degrading the character of the wilderness. There is very little enforcement of the rules now, and this only encourages increasing evasion of the rules and destruction of the wilderness harming the plant and wildlife there. This proposed rule must be withdrawn.