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Comments: E-bikes are motor vehicles, not bicycles. Some travel at dangerously high speeds, and their use should be limited to paved roads used by other motorized vehicles. I worry that your proposed rule will have adverse environmental consequences, which should be fully evaluated with an environmental impact statement under the National Environmental Policy Act.

The proposed rule appears to set up conflicts with the Forest Service's Travel Management Rule (36 CFR 212 et seq).

Because of their speed and quiet nature, e-bikes can travel much farther into the backcountry, startling and disturbing wildlife over far greater distances. Nor is there much recourse in the way of penalties for trespassing by e-bikers.

The Forest Service should withdraw this proposal.