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PLEASE WITHDRAW THIS PROPOSAL! PLEASE PROTECT WILD NATURE!

I oppose this proposed rule to open up National Forest lands to additional e-bike use for the following reasons:

- 1) E-bikes must continue to be treated as motor vehicles, not bicycles.
- 2) This proposed rule contains environmental impacts that should be fully evaluated through an EIS under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).
- 3) This rule sets up conflicts with the Forest Service's Travel Management Rule.
- 4) Because of their speed and quiet nature, e-bikes can startle and disturb wildlife over far greater distances. E-bikes conflict with other nonmotorized trail users like hikers, horseback riders, and bicyclists.
- 5) There is almost no enforcement now for trespass, illegal off-trail riding, and illegal trail development by some bikers, so e-bikes will increasingly trespass into Wilderness and other protected areas with no consequences. This illegal use will degrade the wildlands and should not be encouraged!!
- 6) PLEASE WITHDRAW THIS PROPOSAL. THANK YOU FOR DEFENDING WILD NATURE!