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Comments: I am a 73 year old woman, and although I do not yet own an e-bike I am giving serious consideration to buying one. Having said that, I think it is important for the Forest Service to restrict the use of e-bikes -- and mountain bikes, too -- in our public lands. Although most mountain bikers are considerate about sharing the trails with hikers and equestrians, not all of them are. E-bikes are a step further -- they ARE a motorized vehicle, and can travel at speeds that are not safe on many trails. They pose a real threat to hikers and animals, both wild and domestic.

No bicycles -- mountain bikes or especially e-bikes -- should be allowed in a designated wilderness area. Yes, that restricts access to some citizens in our communities; but our wilderness areas need to be protected from over-use, and inviting vehicles into them will change their character forever. That would be a profound mistake from a conservation perspective.