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Comments: Please do not allow e-bikes off established roads in National Forest lands. They are fast and quiet, and can easily approach people hiking or on horseback, conventional bicyclists and wildlife without advance detection. As someone who routinely does not hear my neighbors' approaching Teslas, I can tell you that it is just as easy to be startled into the path of an e-bike as it is to jump away from it.

Due to the increased and increasing speed of e-bikes, they pose more of an environmental hazard to trails. I do not think this complies with the National Environmental Policy Act and it doesn't seem to comply with the Forest Service's Travel Management Rule as being both street and trail legal. Further, there is no enforcement for those failing to comply with existing rules.

Our national forests are special places that deserve to be treated with the utmost respect and care. Allowing e-bikes should not be considered. Please withdraw this proposal from consideration.

Thank you.