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I oppose the Forest Service's proposed rule to open up my National Forest lands to additional e-bike. E-bikes are motor vehicles, not bicycles. Soon, they will be able to travel 55 mph, and so their environmental impact will be similar to that of other motor vehicles.

This proposed rule change should be fully evaluated through an environmental impact statement (EIS) under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

I ride on urban bike paths regularly, and I can tell you that on the few occasions e-bikes have come up behind me, their speed has been startling. Their impact in the wild would be far worse as they disturb wildlife. "No motorized vehicles" should mean -- NO motorized vehicles, even if the motor is smaller than that of a car or motorcycle.

The Forest Service should withdraw this proposal. Thank you.