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Comments: I oppose the Forest Service's proposal to open up my National Forest lands to additional e-bike use for the following reasons:

E-bikes must continue to be treated as motor vehicles, not bicycles, and must travel only where motor vehicles are allowed.
Also, the proposal's likely environmental impacts must be fully evaluated through an (EIS) following the NEPA.
Also, the proposal seems to conflict with the Forest Service's Travel Management Rule (36 CFR 212 et seq).
E-bikes can sneak quietly into wilderness areas, and disturb wildlife (and hikers, regular cyclists, and people on horseback. They would also tend to encourage trespassing and damage to wild areas.
The Forest Service should withdraw this proposal.