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Comments: As an avid Mountain Biker, nature lover/environmental enthusiast, I am writing to ask the Forest Service to withdraw the proposal regarding E-bikes that would allow them to access more trails in our National Forests. These E-bikes are motorized, and should be treated as such. They are most often used by inexperienced cyclists, have too much power, and will cause great conflict between them and other cyclists, hikers, horsemen, and most importantly, wildlife.

As someone who has experienced the introduction of ATVs in the early 90's onto forest trails , I can tell you that motorized bikes will cause much greater trail damage due to the power produced and rider inexperience, and that if not regulated heavily, and policed, the damage will be irreversible since it is difficult to reduce freedoms once tasted. Trail conflicts will be terrible, unless they are allowed onto ONLY motorized trails.

The E bike industry is young, and I can assure you that the power produced by E bikes will continue to increase over time as consumer demand increases. This will make them more and more like other motorcycles and ATVs as far as trail destruction and user conflicts.

Please, keep E bikes on motorized trails only. There are many, many motorized trails, and this will keep user conflicts to an absolute minimum, will not raise policing issues, and preserve single track trails for those that built them and maintain them. This will also drastically reduce wildlife conflicts as well. Keep our forests natural and peaceful!

Thank you.