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Comments: I oppose the Forest Service's proposed rule to open up our National Forests for e-bike use now nor in the future. E-bikes must be treated as motor vehicles. New e-bikes are being made which are capable of travelling 55 mph. And the proposed rule suggests likely environmental impacts that should be completely evaluated through an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

E-bikes are a threat to the repose of the nature of the wilderness, as they can travel longer distances and disturb the wildlife. And because there is almost no enforcement now against trespass, illegal off-trail riding, and illegal trail development by some bikers, e-bikes will increasingly trespass into Wilderness and other protected areas with no consequence.

The Forest Service should withdraw this proposal.