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Comments: Somebody must have written a bot to post the same BS message again and again, often recycling the same names. I can't even read honest letters from individuals anymore, because the reading room is flooded with pages and pages of spam. Look at the numbers, it just jumped up by several hundred in a day.

For the record, no legal class 1, 2, or 3 ebike goes 55 mph, especially not on singletrack trails. That's an ELECTRIC DIRT BIKE. Stop spreading lies and google "electric dirt bike". See for yourself, it's a completely different thing with over 50 times the power of the most powerful legal ebikes. You can buy an electric four wheel ATV now. Does that make it a type of ebike? A diesel/electric locomotive also has an electric motor, but don't expect to see them on trails if USFS lets older people ride class 1 ebikes so they don't have heart attacks.

Remember the arguments against cannabis legalization, that it was a "slippery slope" which would lead to hard drugs and crime? Did that happen? That's what you all sound like right now: "Don't legalize a harmless thing, because it might lead to a different harmful thing which would still be illegal anyway."

USFS, please deploy your own bots to delete any comments with any part of this copy-paste text, because some people are editing it slightly to get around anti-spam software:

"I oppose the Forest Service's proposed rule to open up my National Forest lands to additional e-bike use for the following reasons: E-bikes are motor vehicles because they have motors. They must continue to be treated as motor vehicles, not bicycles. New e-bikes are being developed now that will drive up to 55 mph. E-bikes must travel only where motor vehicles are allowed. This proposed rule suggests likely environmental impacts that should be fully evaluated through an environmental impact statement (EIS) under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Because of their speed and quiet nature, e-bikes can travel much farther into the backcountry, and startle and disturb wildlife over far greater distances. E-bikes also conflict with other non-motorized trail users like hikers, horseback riders, and non-motorized bicyclists. Because there is almost no enforcement now for 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 consequences. This illegal use will degrade the wild character of these lands and should be discouraged. The Forest Service should withdraw this proposal."

Finally 1000 lb horses foul and erode the trails worse than anyone, endanger all other trail users like unleashed pitbulls, and disturb wildlife with their far greater range into the wilderness than a hiker or any ebike (which is why people have ridden horses for thousands of years). Horses are "self-propelled" so should be banished to 55 mph Jeep/ATV/dirt bike Dirt Roads (Jeep roads are not "trails") under the USFS TMR. Fair is fair, by the same criteria of letters posted by equestrians here.

Protect the sanctity of the unmotorized trails and the environment! Remove horses and also Strava-using 30 year old acoustic mountain bikers on \$12,000 long travel carbon bikes, who are the actual people tearing around blind corners at unsafe speeds with their eyes glued to their phones trying to "KOM". Strava is what's causing the trail conflicts, not ebikes. If the trail isn't flagged off for an official race permitted by USFS, STOP RACING on trails with elderly people and little kids on them.

If you want to slow bikes down, ban suspensions not ebikes. That's the real no BS truth.