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Comments: I oppose the Forest Service's proposed rule to open up National Forest lands to additional e-bike use:

- * The proposed rule suggests environmental impacts that should be evaluated through an environmental impact statement under the National Environmental Policy Act.

- * E-bikes must continue to be treated as motor vehicles, not bicycles. E-bikes are being developed now that will drive up to 55 mph. E-bikes must travel only where motor vehicles are allowed.

- * E-bikes can travel far into backcountry, and startle and disturb wildlife over far greater distances.

- * E-bikes conflict with other non-motorized trail users like hikers, horseback riders, and bicyclists.

- * There is little enforcement now for trespass, illegal off-trail riding, and illegal trail development. E-bikes will trespass into Wilderness and other protected areas with no consequences other than , degrading these lands.

- * The proposed rule appears to conflict with the Forest Service's Travel Management Rule (36 CFR 212 et seq).

The Forest Service should please withdraw this proposal.