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Comments: I've observed the Forest Service ignoring two illegal activities on many western forests: illegal trail building by mountain bikers and illegal motorized degrading resources. Many Forests don't even provide education on the existence of the MVUM such as my local Forest, Arapaho Roosevelt in Colorado. It's a supremely bad idea to introduce e-bikes into this mess. They will further degrade soil (many "trails" are now trenches changing hydrology on entire mountain sides), water (bikers love their "mud" features), sensitive habitat during a worldwide biodiversity crisis and the critical quiet uses of other visitors. E-bikes (manufactured now by Kawasaki, Yamaha) are taking National Forest stewardship and management in the wrong direction. E-bikes do not belong.