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Comments: The proposed rule is rather obscured by a lot of text and cross-references. So I will not be citing to the rule. Rather I am stating that e-bikes should NOT be allowed on any non-motorized trails in the National Forests. Giving special treatment to e-bikes in order to allow them to penetrate deep into the backcountry, including roadless areas and wilderness, violates the letter and the spirit of the law that has for so long protected these areas. As a hiker and backpacker, I cannot feel safe on a trail when a bike can suddenly appear behind or in front of me going a a high rate of speed, which is possible with e-bikes. Wildlife as well as people must be protected from this type of activity. The Forest Service should continue to protect these areas from the invasive e-bikes.