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Comments: I frequently go hiking and backpacking into wilderness areas to enjoy the quiet, and slow pace of walking through the wild. I'm concerned that e-bikes using these areas would entirely take away from that experience. Actually I'm all in favor of NO bikes of any kind in wilderness areas. There are PLENTY of trails for mountain biking elsewhere! And 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 not be encouraged as this rule will do.

The Forest Service should withdraw this proposal.