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

New e-bikes are being developed that will drive up to 55 mph.

This will have catastrophic impacts on other trail users like hikers, horseback riders, and bicyclists.

Because of their speed, e-bikes can travel much farther into the backcountry, and disrupt wildlife over far greater distances.

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 needs to withdraw this proposal.