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Comments: The Forest Service should withdraw its proposal to open up National Forests for any kind of e-bike use.

E-bikes are capable of unacceptable and unsafe speed (55 mph) on trails, and the distance they could travel into forest wilderness would further disturb wildlife. In addition, there is potential for for illegal, off-trail riding, increasing disturbance to wildlife and causing environmental damage with ruts and erosion. They also present conflict with and potentially danger to non-motorized trail users (hikers, regular bikers, horses (who could panic) and riders).

Please keep our 150 million acres of public Forest lands free of e-bike use!

Thank you.

A National Forest hiker.