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Comments: E-bikes are motor vehicles. They are increasingly like motorcycles, and they are like motorcycles in their impact on terrain and wildlife and other users. They conflict with non-motorized use of National Forest lands, such as hiking, horseback riding, and bicycling. With greater numbers of E-bikes in National Forests, there will be more and more incursion of users illegally into Wilderness and other protected areas. Our wild lands have come under increasing pressure for commercial exploitation, and the admission of these electric motorcycles will exacerbate the accelerated destruction of natural environments and wildlife habitats. The potential impact of E-bikes should be fully evaluated with an Environmental Impact Statement, under the National Environmental Policy Act.

Furthermore, this proposed rule seems to be in conflict with the Forest Service's Travel Management Rule (36 CFR 212 et seq).