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Comments: I am a Forest Service retiree with 40 years of service. While I did not work in the recreation department, I've walked many Forest Service trails within wilderness areas and trails outside wilderness. I also walked and drove on forest roads. Frankly, I have no recollection of any trails I would want to bike on, but I always worked in rough country. I believe the Forest Service should evaluate trails and roads for suitability for bicycle traffic and clearly identify both suitable and unsuitable attributes in a conspicuous place near popular entry ways. Trails and roads that are unsuitable for bicycles should be closed to such traffic. Trails and roads that are suitable for bicycles should be open for bicycle traffic with no restriction on e-bikes, except those that create noise or operate at speeds above non-e-bikes or operate without pedals or by throttle alone. Wilderness trails are unsuitable for any kind of bike. There are opportunities for everyone, provided all consider the needs and sensitivities of others.