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Comments: E-Bike use on Forest Service and other public lands should be restricted to motorized trails only. E-bike use has increasingly degraded my outdoor experience on these lands. As a mountain biker, fisherman, hunter, backpacker, and skier, I use public lands heavily and understand the rules and need for designating trails for specific purposes.

As a mountain biker, e-bike use is not compatible with enjoyment of biking, as it is a motor vehicle and creates traffic, congestion and speed issues. My enjoyment of riding trails on forest service lands greatly depends on getting away from people. Some of these places are difficult to get to on bikes, and that experience should be preserved. I have observed and reported several e-bike users riding off trail and creating new non-permitted trails. While the actions of a few do not make the whole idea bad, I do not believe there is a reasonable capacity to enforce different class e-bike permitting and misuse of public lands by e-bikers.

Massive increases in motorized use has left very few mountain bike areas that are secluded and enjoyable in my area. Please restrict e-bike use to motorized trails only, to preserve what little is left of a true outdoor mountain bike experience.