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Comments: Why am I seeing 55 mph as the maximum speed for ebikes, posted literally SEVERAL HUNDRED times here the past couple of days?

First of all that's a lie. Class 1 and 2 ebikes go 20 mph max. Class 3 ebikes go 28 max. PERIOD. Faster than that and it's an electric motorcycle under US law, and outside the scope of the USFS proposed rule changes. Why comment on submarines if we're talking about airplanes?

So how did they pick 55 mph if it's a totally made up number? To prop up their "slippery slope" bogus argument. I quote: "New e-bikes are being developed now that will drive up to 55 mph." You're supposed to be scared that, sure slow, low power class 1s and 2s may have negligible additional impact on the trails TODAY, but woaah what about tomorrow?! Technology is always changing! It's a slippery slope!!

Here to help you with the facts. I googled "fastest electric dirt bike", and so should you, citizen reader or USFS employee. Don't take my word for it. The correct top speed of an electric dirt bike MOTORCYCLE that you can buy TODAY for \$8495, not legal ebike, is the Zero FX which goes 85 mph, not 55. Looks exactly like a gasoline dirt bike and weighs 247 lb. If USFS decides to ban LEGAL class 1, 2, and 3 ebikes forever because of fearmongering about "55 mph", that's what I need to buy to safely ride the "60,000 miles" of USFS double track roads alongside ATVs, 4x4s, and gasoline dirt bikes.

Congratulations, now I have to use my 18 mpg truck instead of my 40 mpg compact car to haul that 247 lb beast instead of my 55 lb class 1 ebike. Probably have to tow a trailer. I go out 3-4 days a week. I've been doing 5000 mile oil changes every six weeks or so this summer. More than doubling my fuel consumption is a lot of unneeded carbon, but you say you love the environment, right?

55 mph is a baseless made up lie to get hikers and equestrians afraid so they would spam the reading room with cut and paste disinformation. They picked a random number which is not even correct, to be fast enough to be scary but still believable built on a bike frame? I know I wouldn't want to ride a 55 lb BICYCLE that goes 55 mph. Somebody somewhere could build one and ride it on USFS non-motorized trails, but it would be ILLEGAL. Why not just buy a Zero FX and ride that everywhere illegally instead? It's way better than a kludged up deathtrap built on an old bike frame and costs about the same as a LEGAL Specialized Turbo Levo Expert class 1 ebike.

Exactly what impact would the proposed USFS rule change have on electric dirt bikes riding illegally on non-motorized trails? They can do that now.