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Comments: Don't open up more trails in our National Forests to electric bikes, or e-bikes, through a new rulemaking process. The proposal has terrible and tragic implications for wildlands, wildlife, and Wilderness on more than 150 million acres of our public lands!

Let's slow down and research E-bikes. They're a different critter utilizing a completely different electric-assist motor in addition to having pedals. E-bike use is exploding. Don't let them explode our national Forests with speeds up to 55 mph.

It's good that the Forest Service continues classifying e-bikes as motor vehicles. For God's sake, don't let them on non-motorized trails! I believe that conflicts with the agency's own Travel Management Rule and has the potential to degrade the environment. Here's an idea. Let's analyze the proposal under the National Environmental Policy Act.

Mountain bikes displace wildlife. They travel farther and faster than hikers or people on horses. They can do a lot of harm.

And don't do the stupid thing. Don't open wilderness to bikes.

Do your job. Withdraw this proposal.