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Comments: I am in favor of allowing e-bikes on mountain bike trails in the National Forests. I currently ride a standard mountain bike but can see a pedal assist e-bike in my future. I have been riding mountain bikes since 1984 but at age 61 now, I will need some help as I age. Pedal assist bikes are NOT motorized. They are pedal "assist". I do not think e-bikes present ANY additional environmental impact and are certainly silent. Horses and even heavy hiking traffic can actually do more damage (look at hiking damage on the Appalachian Trail sometime). Please don't discriminate against those of us who will want or need pedal assist bikes due to injuries, physical limitations or advancing age. Thank you.