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Comments: I am opposed to allowing motorized vehicles, including what are referred euphemistically as EBikes, on national forest trails that they are not currently already authorized on. I have worked as a wilderness guide and adventure sports instructor (including as a mountain biking guide/instructor) for 20 years. I founded and operate a business that provides outdoor programming for youth and adults. I believe allowing motorized vehicles on trails crosses a threshold that cannot be undone and that it is naive at best but more likely disingenuous/greedy/selfish to believe that contrived classification systems for a technology that is largely invisible AND rapidly evolving is a responsible excuse for permitting this user type. At some point I believe we need to protect natural areas as stewards and stop asking for more access in the name of human interest. What do we say to someone with an electric motorized skateboard, scooter, dirtbike, atv etc.? How does it appear fair to them? Who will be in charge of enforcement when the FS already is in a budget crunch? What about people who go into nature TO GET AWAY FROM MOTORS?? Its insane to me that this is happening. I have designed and built mountain bike trails for 15 years. I am on the board of a group that builds such trails. The way Ebikes handle trails is different than mtn bikes and WE ALREADY HAVE USER CONFLICT ISSUES WITH HUMAN POWERED BIKES!! Nature deserves better than this. Hikers, runners etc deserve peace and to encounter nature on its own terms.