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Comments: I oppose the Forest Service's proposed rule to open up National Forest lands to additional e-bike use.

E-bikes should be treated as motor vehicles, not bicycles. Newer e-bikes will go up to 55 mph! E-bikes should stick to roads.

The proposed rule will create environmental impacts that should be fully evaluated through an environmental impact statement under the National Environmental Policy Act.

Because e-bikes are quiet, e-bikes will startle wildlife much more frequently. E-bikes will also startle hikers, horseback riders, and bicyclists. These situations can be dangerous!

Because there is almost no enforcement for trespass, off-trail riding, and illegal trail development, e-bikes will increasingly trespass into protected areas. Illegal use will degrade the wild character of these lands and should remain prohibited.