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Comments: I write as an engaged citizen, regular voter, lover of our National Forests, and budding environmental scientist, to ask that the Forest Service NOT enact its proposed rule to open up our National Forests to additional e-bike use.

E-bikes are motor vehicles, as their name suggests. Motor vehicles have no place in our National Forests, outside of main roads.

They actually present risks additional to their mechanized nature, as they have such high potential speeds and such low operational noise that they provide great risks to wildlife - not to mention other visitors. This is in addition to the damage that they will inevitably cause to plant life and the structure of backcountry areas.

There are already plenty of opportunities in the US for mechanized vehicles - in fact, the ever-expanding human imprint on our lands is at risk of completely erasing any 'natural' areas.

The Forest Service must withdraw this misguided proposal.

Thank you.