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Comments: I am an active mountain biker and I am totally against allowing any motorized bikes in areas where no other motorized vehicles are allowed. I currently see motorized bikes operating illegally in our local open spaces and Forest Service lands. They are usually operating at speeds far greater than the other, actual bicycles legally using the trails, and are often operated by riders who don't have the requisite skill to ride at such speeds. They also frequently seem to regard non-motorized riders as impediments rather than fellow trail users. Hikers have it even worse as e-bikers blast past with no reduction in speed nor any verbal interaction to help the interaction. My last point against them is they both enable and encourage riders to strike further into areas that previously served as refuges for wildlife. Our wildlife is under too much pressure already, going forward with these changes is unconscionable for an agency whose job is to protect our land and wildlife. And when these e-bikers drain their battery unexpectedly or suffer other mechanical issues they are likely to be much farther from help. If they weren't fit enough to ride there in the first place how do you think they will fare trying to push their 50 pound bike back to safety. Hopefully Search and Rescue will be able to bear up to searching much larger areas for people who didn't belong there in the first place. Our public lands don't need and cannot stand a huge influx of motorized vehicles. Don't change the rules!!!