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

As there are e-bikes in development that can reach speeds of up to 55 mph, they must only travel where motor vehicles are allowed.

Environmental impacts must be fully evaluated through an environmental impact statement (EIS) under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) before any rules or regulations are instituted.

This rule would interfere with the Forest Service's Travel Management Rule (36 CFR 212 et seq).

Also, due to the quiet speed that e-bikes can travel, they can enter farther into the backcountry and disturb wildlife in greater distances and will introduce greater potential for harm/injury to hikers, horseback riders, and bicyclists.

Since there is hardly any enforcement now for trespassers, illegal off-trail riding, and illegal trail development by some e-bikers, trespassing into Wilderness and other protected areas can increase with no consequences. This illegal use degrades the integrity of these lands and no quarter for this potential should be given.

E-bikes should be treated as motor vehicles, not bicycles.

I respectfully ask the Forest Service to withdraw this proposal.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment and thank you for your service.