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Comments: Dear USFS staff and leadership,

E-bikes should not receive special consideration in travel management planning. They are motorized vehicles plain and simple. Recreation is a form of consumptive or extractive use of public lands. Wildlife and wildlife habitat is degraded by unregulated recreation. As recreation is enhanced by new technology, it is more disruptive to ecosystems. Wildlife and habitat conservation is a multiple use that must be protected from disruptive recreation. This includes conventional mountain biking in some areas (though not directly related to this particular rule). I am a mountain bike owner, and I may purchase an e-bike in the future. Nonetheless, I recognize that e-bikes should not be allowed on non-motorized trails; mountain bikes should not be allowed in wilderness; and some trails in non-wilderness areas should prohibit mountain bikes for the sake of lower impact, lower speed users in high use zones.