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Comments: Regarding a decision to allow e-bikes on NFS lands:

It would not be in the public interest (other than e-bikers) to allow e-bikes on NFS lands as currently over 60,000 miles of USFS roads are already open to these bikes. Motorized (which an e-bike is) trails on NFS lands give e-bike users millions of miles of roads to access. Allowing them on non-motorized single track trails is not a good use of public lands as it diminishes the areas and opportunities available to the public to get away from motorized travel. Furthermore, As ebikes can travel up to 20-30 mph, e-bikes disrupt wildlife, impact habitat, and ruin the small portion of public lands that are quietly free from motorized vehicles. Traveling up to 20-30 mph, e-bikes disrupt wildlife, impact habitat, and ruin the small portion of public lands that are quietly free from motorized vehicles. Additionally our local San Juan mountains hunting advocacy group is against e-bike accessing non-motorized trails. Lastly, as a mountain biker, the e-MTB people I know ride them in order to do more miles faster. This in turn means that they do not need e-bike pedal assist to get into the USFS lands, and do so only to get further which means they go faster and farther impacting more, quicker!