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Comments: These proposed directives will have a devastating effect on National Forests. I have been a mountain bike guide in Moab, Utah for over 35 years. In the last 3 years I have seen a exceedingly destructive result on the trails around Moab and the riding I have done in the forests of Montana. E-bikes are alowwing massive numbers of riders with no skills or respect for the land to ride haphazardly on and off established trails. They ignore the No E-bikes signs and ride on trails that were built using Federal Monies to establisn "Non motoroized" trails. Whenever I've encountered e-bike riders on trails where they're not supposed to be they have a 'screw you" attitude I'll ride wherever they want. It's no different than the ATV crowd who have been destroying the environment wherever they ride. And once e-bikes are allowed, the lobby groups for Dirt Bikes and ATVs will not be far behind demanding that they now be allowed access to the same trails., and it'll only be a matter of time before the e-bike industry in their massive adverising campaign to just make money under the guise of getting people riding, will be pushing to open up National Park trails to e-bikes as well.

There are thousands and thousands of bike paths in this country. Than is where the e-bikes belong. Yout typical e-bike rider is out of shape and overweight, and like the typical American, wants ease of transportation by means of a motor. And.... when and if there batteries die while riding, they are definitely not in shape to ride their 50lbs+ bike out and will demand absolutely to be rescued, or a lawsuit will ensue. Litigation will also happen when the unskilled people get lost or injured riding trails they have no business being on just becasue a electric motor can haul their rump sprung ass out on a trail. Please do not allow e-bikes into National Forests.