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Comments: As an avid outdoorsman I vehemently oppose allowing e-bikes in the national forests. Allowing e-bikes on National Forest trail system would be a negligent action of government increasing the risks of accidents to hikers, mountain bikers, horseback riders and the e-bikers themselves. Allowing e-bike operators to head into the forest without requiring a fitness level to get there could result in increased number of search and rescue efforts required to get them out if their e-bike capabilities no longer operate. The continued speed on varied terrain without sound will result in more collisions around mountain corners with hikers and horseback riders. I witnessed an e-bike come silently around a corner and end up under a horse which the rider then fell and dislocated his shoulder. I've also witnessed a bike come down a blind mountain at high speed and collide with another mountain biker sending them to the hospital. The dangers to the public are apparent and contrary to the preservation of wild lands. The legislators responsible pushing this forward on the shoulders of special interest groups should be hauled into court for negligence for every accident that occurs if this carries forward. The risks have been more than made apparent.