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Comments: I do not support use of ebikes in non motorized areas on Forest Service or other federal lands. Overuse of otherwise remote areas is guaranteed, and given the vast size of the lands enforcement is very unlikely. Rental places are already popping up around glacier. Adding USFS trails to lands accessible to rented ebikes will create many problems in our forests.

So think about that lake you hiked 10 miles into on forest service land. Now imagine that trail destroyed by increased traffic, motorized traffic, from swarms of visitors who have seen pics of the lake on Instagram and realize they can rent their way into a place previously only accessible with some effort.

There's a reason we haven't allowed motorized traffic in the past. That reason still exists.

Allowing this will create overuse, increased accidents with other trail users due to higher speeds, create overuse issues in otherwise remote areas, increase trail damage, and be generally impossible to broadly monitor and enforce.