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Comments: I am against opening up e-bike use to non-motorized trails on Forest Service lands. I am an avid hiker, backpacker, and mountain biker. I used to work for the Forest Service here in Montana. If you allow for e-bikes on all non-motorized trails, there will be a significant increase in usage on these trails which will increase the wear and destruction of the trails. There's already a shortage of trail workers, LEOs, and funding for FS projects, and to allow e-bike users means to allow more people without proper LNT education as well as proper physical fitness if something is to go wrong. There will be major disruptions to hunting and for horse-back riding and packer strings. More and more e-bike users will also end up illegally accessing wilderness (unknowingly or on purpose). With the proliferation of social media, more and more of our places are being overused and misused and this gives increase access to less accessible places.