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Comments: Thanks for your attention to my comments on E-bike use on Forest Service roads and trails. I am a 57 year old mountain biker who enjoys the challenge of pedaling single track on my traditional (non-electric) mountain bike. I am opposed to motorized E-bike usage on many trails with some exceptions.

I feel people with disabilities and aging persons should be given special permission when they have a physical issue preventing them from being able to participate in this sport.

I support use of motorized E-bikes on FS roads open to other motorized vehicles and some double track trails.

I believe most single track trails unless specifically designed for e-bikes should prohibit motorized vehicles as the introduction of the e-motorized vehicle is going to cause conflicts, diminished trail conditions, safety issues caused by inexperienced riders accessing technical areas above their abilities, overuse, and degradation of the environment in many systems.

Please try to carve out a place for e-bikes, but realize there is a big difference in a traditional mountain bike and an e-bike. Opening up all trails to e-bikes is going to have negative consequences unless Forest Service funding and maintenance for trails is increased, and even then the difference in the two types of bikes warrants different rules and trails.

Respectfully,

David Parker