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Comments: I oppose even the contemplation of allowing ebike usage on National Forest lands. Such use would be completely contrary to the idea of those public lands as a refuge from urban noise, pollution, crowding, and general irritation. Furthermore, ebikes capable of 20, 28, or greater mph are dangerous to other users on foot or horseback.

In addition to representing a threat to other users, ebike usage will terrorize and displace wildlife. Forest lands are their home! Because ebikes can cover more territory much more quickly, the impacts of disturbance to wildlife will be magnified. This is unacceptable.

The three proposed classifications for ebikes will quickly be outdated. Sadly, this may be irrelevant since there is little to no enforcement of the rules.

I urge you to abandon this proposal. You are putting wildlife and the health of the land in peril, and you are setting up users to have nasty confrontations and perhaps incur injuries due to reckless ebike usage. If you are so concerned with access by disabled and seniors (of which I am one), then make ebike usage only available to disabled. Simply being a senior does not mean someone is infirm. Only certified disabled people, regardless of their age, should have ebike access - and only if that is the ONLY means to visit forest lands.