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Comments: I am a 78 year old male who regularly rides a mountain bike on trails and some roads within the National Forest and BLM managed lands. Where I live we have a Travel Management Plan that was crafted with input from many users (motorized and non-motorized--including hikers, and horseback riders). Other than increasing volume of users, the travel management designations are working well. I encourage the Forest Service to respect and honor the use designations contained in established Travel Management Plans that reflect local or regional input. Specifically, I do not think that the FS should allow e-bikes on any non-motorized trails. Non-motorized trails should be retained for "human powered" users. While e-bikes allow people with disabilities and/or other limitations that limit their ability, I don't feel that this is a valid reason to open all trails to e-bikes. There is still an abundance of non-motorized trails and roads available for folks on e-bikes.

As an aside, I have seen many e-bike riders where I live and in my travels around the country. I have yet to see a disabled or very old person on an e-bike. What I have seen are mostly people in the 20-40 age range, always riding faster than they would be if they had to pedal by themselves. E-bikes are heavy and can be very dangerous on a technical singletrack trail--mostly the domain of non-motorized bikers.

Thanks for the chance to comment.