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Comments: I, most emphatically, oppose the USFS proposal to allow the use of motorized bicycles on public trails currently designated as non-motorized trails. The use of non-motorized bicycles already poses a significant danger to hikers and equine users, which would be significantly increased by the use of "e-bikes" on these trails. These bicycles move at high speeds, silently, with the operators often not looking far enough ahead on the trail to be able to avoid collisions with persons on horseback or on foot. There is no possible means to restrict the speeds at which bicycles travel on these trails and motorized bicycles would make this problem immeasurably worse. Additionally, the USFS has failed to maintain most of the trail mileage in the USFS system over the past many years, allowing damage from bicycle travel to cause extreme erosion and further damage to the environment.

Again, I EMPHATICALLY OPPOSE THE PROPOSED RULE CHANGE ALLOWING MOTORIZED BICYCLE ON TRAILS CURRENTLY DESIGNATED AS NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS.