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Comments: Dear Secretary Purdue,

Please do not allow E-Bikes on non-motorized trails.

This is not an acceptable place to mix motorized (Quiet bikes), with hikers, wildlife, horses and trails not designed for bikes.

Erosion problems will get worse with the lack of any maintenance. Many places are not safe for the sudden encountering of a quiet bike with pack-stock, or hikers.

The budget doesn't allow for proper maintenance of most western trails as it is, and many are ill-equipped to have a mechanical problem, miles from where they could safely operate in less than ideal conditions. This is not the right place for these motorized bicycles.

Many studies (Region 6, Starkey Experimental Forest, Oregon), show increased stress on wildlife with these types of vehicles.

We are seeing more ATV/OHV traffic as it is. Human impacts, and forest use is increasing. The conflicts that will occur will be a nightmare.

Please, find and designate other routes for E-Bikes.

Sincerely,.

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