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Comments: From the perspective of an avid outdoor enthusiasts, national lands are increasingly receiving more traffic. As trails get more crowded, different modes of using a specific trail compete against each other and reduce the enjoyment of the trail experience. These are particularly prevalent when the 2 modes have drastically different speeds, such as hiking and e-biking, especially when travelling up a gradient. Allowing NEW access by recreational e-bike users will degrade the experience of hikers and traditional mountain bikers. For example, currently some individuals prefer to maintain at least a 6ft distance which on narrow trails takes some time for those users to find a place to get at least 6ft off the trail; the faster speed of an e-bike (particularly uphill) will reduce the time a hiker will have to find a safe place to get 6ft off of a trail. Also e-bikes bring a larger element of mechanized experiences and opens the door for further loss of that non-motorized experience. There are so few opportunities and locations to access a non-motorized experience. It is extremely unfair to take away that possibility of the experience in order to give others the ability to access a trail in a motorized fashion. I recommend that you do not allow e-bikes on trails that currently do not allow motorized vehicles. However, there is no reason that e-bikes and mountain bikes should not be allowed on NFS roads.