

Data Submitted (UTC 11): 10/26/2020 1:09:35 AM

First name: Tracy

Last name: Hendershott

Organization:

Title:

Comments: I am writing to express my opposition to the Forest Service's proposed rule to open up the National Forest land to e-bike use. E-bikes are essentially motorized vehicles.

By being motor-powered, there is a loss of control of the speed of these heavy e-bikes. There is more momentum, more force and impact, and less stopping distance. This grossly endangers other users and wildlife. Wildlife will not be able to get to safety as they do now. Horses and people will have the same problem. This may lead to injuries, and even to death of certain wildlife.

The weight of the bikes and distance they can travel further into the wilderness will lead to degradation of current trails.

Without adequate enforcement of trespassing, the impacts will be greater than they are currently.

Not surprisingly, the EIS indicates that there will be detrimental impacts to the environment. This certainly backs up a decision to prohibit e-bikes.

Allowing e-bikes would take away the peace and tranquility that other users currently enjoy, and would force wildlife to move further away, avoiding the danger. Wildlife is already strained by development and habitat loss.

Please withdraw this proposal and retain the invaluable serenity and safety of the wilderness.

Thank you for considering my comments.