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Comments: I strongly oppose the proposal to open up my National Forest mon-motorized trails (or off-trail) to e-bike use.

They should only be allowed, now and in the future, where motorcycles and ORVs are already permitted, which is a vast portion of the National Forest.

As a hiker, backpacker, and biologist, I see e-bikes as a threat and menace. Their high speeds and heavy weight pose risks to both wildlife and humans.

The displacement of wildlife, already a serious problem with fast mountain bikes, will become worse.

I dread meeting these vehicles on the trail, and I know they cause conflicts with other users.

I dread the rescues that will be needed when riders get stranded or injured far from roads. Rural communities cannot afford this.

In the area where I live, mountain bikes are already a problem, because they do not respect Wilderness, National Park, and closed wildlife habitat. Especially now with USFS staff numbers and morale so low, there will be a lot of illegal use if this proposal is accepted.

The potential impacts are many and severe, and possibly in conflict with other Forest Service regulations, such as the Travel Management Rule.

I ask you to stop this proposed action.