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Comments: I am strongly opposed to the allowance of e-bikes on federal lands, the USDA Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management, and all Federal land management areas.

E-bikes are mechanical vehicles and should be considered as such. They should be classified as an off-road motor vehicle and be limited to the trails that are designated as ORV.

E-bikes can reach speeds of 20 to 28 mph. To allow such a vehicle on trails that are used by hikers and horseback riders are putting these people at risk of injury by being confronted with a fast vehicle on trails where there may be no advance warning that the vehicle is approaching and there may not be any safe place to get off the trail to allow the fast vehicle to pass.

Not only would it increase the risk of injury to the hikers and horseback riders, but the injuries could occur in remote places where rescue will be difficult.

Again, I must state that I am opposed to the use of e-bikes on trails other than those designated for ORV. I do believe that the use of the e-bikes present a very real hazard and danger to hikers and horseback riders.