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Comments: Re: FSM 7700/7710 #ORMS-2619. We have been exploring our precious western national forests for over 4 decades, hiking, backpacking, x-c skiing and camping. We value the solitude, peace and quiet of nature and so avoid motorized trails. Motorized use displaces wildlife far more than non-motorized because wildlife can be startled, their habitat disturbed. These are some reasons we oppose your proposed e-bike rule for up to 150 million acres of our treasured national forests. These e-bikes can go up to 55 mph so they should be treated the same as other motor vehicles whose environmental impacts are far greater than non-motorized trail use like hiking, horseback riding and mountain biking. A full EIS under NEPA should examine the effects of treating e-bikes differently than other motorized use. E-bikes travel farther in less time and thus have a much greater overall impact to wildlife and other users. There is no enforcement in conflicts with other users. The wild character of our public lands will suffer should you allow this proposal. Please withdraw it.