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Comments: I am a regular user of Forest Service and BLM lands, as a hiker, equestrian and motorcyclist.

I am strongly opposed to allowing e-bikes in areas designated for non-motorized vehicles. Their speed makes them as fast as many motorcycles and scooters, and they allow people to travel much further than they would if on a regular bicycle. I foresee Search and Rescue operations increasing if these e-bikes are allowed into non-motorized areas of the back country.

The electric bike should be limited to areas where motorcycles are permitted only. They also should be classified as a motor vehicle, but that falls under the Dept of Transportation and is outside the scope of this comment.

Respectfully,

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