

Data Submitted (UTC 11): 10/26/2020 4:29:40 PM

First name: Debra

Last name: Ellers

Organization:

Title:

Comments: I am both the owner of an electric bike, and a frequent user of public lands in WA, OR, ID and other western states. I oppose any expansion of e-bike usage on non-motorized trails.

As a rider of e-bikes, I fully understand that its key point is that an e-bike allows motor propulsion. This makes it possible to ride faster and farther, fundamentally changing the trail experience.

As a hiker, I would not want to be startled by an e-bike rider buzzing by. There is a real safety risk, as well, with their quick approach and on narrow trails.

I'm also concerned about the possible impacts on wildlife, such as pine martens, wolverines and other animals who require undisturbed habitat.

There are many millions of miles of roads and motorized trails on public lands that are already open to e-bikes. Reserving some of the wildest remaining areas for human-powered recreation and wildlife habitat is the best option here, which I ask that you implement.