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Comments: Please do not expand the terrain where e-bikes are allowed on public lands managed by the USFS. E-bikes are incompatible with mountain bikes when riding on single-track trails. E-bikes are bigger, heavier, and more powerful than mountain bikes, inherently presenting a hazard for other trail users. They are motorized vehicles and should not be on the same trails that were designed for and currently being used in great numbers by traditional mountain bikers.

From my perspective as an avid mountain biker since 1985, today's trail use by traditional mountain bikers has increased dramatically. It is still, however, at a level that allows for an enjoyable, safe experience, most of the time.

If e-bikes were allowed, factors inherent in the differences between motorized and non-motorized vehicles, including trail-yielding protocols, would make it a much less enjoyable, much less safe experience.

Thank you for your consideration.