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Comments: I oppose e-bike use in National Forest. The speed and cruising range of modern e-bikes make them dangerous and intrusive to wildlife and to other human National Forest visitors, especially hikers and horseback riders.

Because there is hardly ever any current enforcement for trespassing, illegal off-trail riding, and illegal trail development by bikers in National Forests, e-bikes will increase Wilderness and other protected area impacts, trespass and damage. Such illegal use harms the wild character of these lands and should not be allowed.

Finally, this proposed rule suggests environmental impacts requiring full evaluation via an environmental impact statement (EIS) under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The proposed rule also appears to set up conflicts with the Forest Service's Travel Management Rule (36 CFR 212 et seq).