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Comments: I oppose the Forest Service's proposed rule to open our National Forest lands to eBikes. These bikes should be treated as motor vehicles. They allow people to travel further into wildlands and wild places, and because they are quiet, and move very fast, they can startle wildlife unexpectedly causing more disturbance than regular bikes or hikers. This proposed rule will have many impacts - some unanticipated- and that should require a full evaluation through an environmental impact statement (EIS) under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Because eBikes can travel farther from trail heads than non-motorized bikes allowing their use also invites illegal trail making further into wild lands. This proposed rule may also conflict with the Forest Service's Travel Management Rule (36 CFR 212 et seq). Please withdraw this proposal and do a full EIS.

Thank you for your time.

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