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Comments: As someone who lives in an area with national park and national forest lands nearby, I truly value the peace and quiet I can experience while in these natural places. I fear the expansion of having e-bikes on the trails. We have had issues with regular bikes sharing the trails-not all are courteous and often speed by without warning. I can't imagine the conflicts that could arise with motorized bikes.

I understand that there are already thousands of trail miles in the US Forests open to e-bikes so I question the necessity to expand access. There should be some places where one can escape from any motorized vehicle.

Motorized bikes can travel further and faster into the backcountry. Traveling up to 20-30 mph, e-bikes disrupt wildlife, impact habitat, and ruin the small portion of public lands that are quietly free from motorized vehicles.

Also, I believe e-bikes will increase already crowded trail use. And users will probably create off-trail travel thus impacting ecosystems and causing erosion.

I strongly oppose a rule that opens the door for all classes of e-bikes on non-motorized trails where traditional bikes are permitted on public land. Keep some places sacred and quiet.

Thank you for considering my comments.