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Comments: To whom it may Concern,

The proposed changes to allow e-bikes on ForestService trails is very concerning to me as an equestrian and hiker.

Equestrian's are already losing more and more areas that we feel safe to ride due to the non motorized bicycles who like to ride with extreme speed down our mountain trails. Giving them a motor will not help this. I have had bicycles stop with their wheels under my horse. Thank God my horse is very sensible and did not react. If she had it could have been major injuries to my horse, myself and the careless biker. Some of our trails are not wide enough for high speed riding.

I have also seen the damage caused by bikers who build jumps and other obstructions to " increase the thrill" of their ride.

I have also met some really nice and courteous bikers too. Those seem harder to find as the searching for a thrill crowd gets larger and larger.

I've ridden the National Forests for over 30 years. The destruction and trash left by this new generation of forest users is heartbreaking. Allowing more with the same mindset is scary to me.

As a hiker who routinely takes my elderly Mother and dog along the thought of having to dodge e-bikes while in the woods is very disheartening. I go to the woods to get away from new technology and motorized vehicles.

I feel that allowing them access to existing shared use trails would be disastrous for all other users. Not to mention the wear on the trails. The beautiful experience of enjoying nature would be lost.

If you insist on pursuing this agenda then please think about designating days or weekends for e-bikes and different days for equestrians and hikers. There also should be strict rules to how fast the e-bikes can go.

Excessive speeds are not for narrow mountain trails.

Thank you and please think about everyone involved.