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Comments: To whom it may concern,

Please consider allowing electric bike users greater access to forest service trails. E-bikes are not fundamentally different than mountain bikes, except that they increase the level of access for the general public. They do not create any additional hazards for other users, they have been shown not to increase trail erosion, and they are not noxious, noisy or polluting.

What they have been shown to increase, is the level of enjoyment of public lands for greater numbers of people who might otherwise feel like they are too out of shape, too old, too overweight, or who might suffer from diseases or injuries that prevent them from getting on a bike and getting outside.

I feel that the forest service mandate is to increase the overall level of public use and enjoyment of our public lands while also protecting them for future generations, and increasing electric bike access is a simple way to be true to that directive.

Sincerely,

Ken Driscoll