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Comments: I respectfully ask that you ban all e motorized bikes on Forest Non motorized trails. This decision was made behind closed doors motivated by corporations wanting to increase sales of e motorized bikes. There was no public participation and thus a violation of the federal advisory committee. This act prevents lobbying with no oversight. Park service deputy director Daniel Smith lacks the authority to make such park service rules because he was NOT appointed by the President as the law requires. There was no environmental policy act to assess the impacts of this decision. There are miles of trails designated for motorized trail use. This decision violated the travel management rule which limits motorized access on our forest trails. This poses many risks and conflicts for visitors who enjoy remote peaceful wilderness recreation. This will cause a great disturbance of wildlife. It will also cost a lot of money for trail building maintenance and more for enforcement. There will be more injuries too. These trails are dangerous at speed and when a silent e bike going at 30 mph encounters a hiker, hunter or horseback rider collisions happen.

This decision is a slap in the face for the countless volunteers who are proud of their long lasting stewardship and care of building maintaining our beloved wild public lands. It violates the principles and partnerships we have worked hard to secure. This decision will forever change the appeal of the peaceful recreation of wilderness for millions of users.

We all want trails. E bikes are motorized regardless of the size of their motor or how its turned on. Therefore they should be on their own existing trail system.

I have unfortunately encountered bikes on single track mountain trails. My friend's horse spooked and fell 150 feet down a cliff after being startled from a motorbike on a non motorized trail. She was eventually airlifted to a trauma hospital. Her horse died. The mountain biker NEVER even stopped. These high speeds will startle other hikers runners horses and should not be on these type of trails. I do not want to see more horrible incidents like this happen.

Please keep e motor bikes on OHV trails. Quit trying to push access to trails not safe for e motorized bikes to be on.