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Comments: I oppose the Forest Service's proposed rule to open up my National Forest lands to additional e-bike use. E-bikes must travel only where motor vehicles are allowed, as they are not bicycles and will be driving up to 55 mph. Environmental impacts from the proposed rule must be fully evaluated through an environmental impact statement under the National Environmental Policy Act. E-bikes traveling farther into the back country can frighten, alarm and disturb wildlife. Also, hikers, horseback riders and bicyclists will be compromised on the trail by e-bikes. As there is no legal enforcement for trespass and other illegal off-trail activities, advantage will be taken and further degradation of these lands and their wild character will happen. These natural lands, along with the wildlife being left alone and not disturbed, must be protected in their natural state for all of us to enjoy, without adding yet another element of disturbance and incursion further into the back country by e-bikes. Please withdraw this proposal.