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Comments: As a consistent watcher of the Big Bear Eagle Cam (Friends of Big Bear Valley), I am concerned about the Forest Service North Big Bear Restoration Project sponsoring a trail that passes through the Eagle habitat and will allow E-Bikes! There are some areas of the forest that should simply continue to be off limits to disturbing recreational activity. As an Oregon resident, I can vouch for this by the number of off-road vehicles using the Oregon Dunes Nat'l Recreation Area. Their noise and exhaust sometimes extends into areas of the dunes that are off limits to them. Please reroute any planned trails well away from the Eagle habitat! We humans cannot expect to use "recreation" as an adequate reason to invade certain forest environments. Please carefully review your plans for forest thinning. There are some experts who think this practice only increases the frequency and intensity of forest fire. Thank you for your attention to my opinion. I know making these decisions is difficult!