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Comments: Sir or Ma'am,

I object to this proposal on the following basis:

E-bikes are motorized equipment and the USFS has long standing policies on the use of motorized equipment on our national forests and this will be inconsistent with those policies;

E-bikes pose an increased risk to wildlife, hikers and horse back riders that is consistent with the use of motorized equipment due to the weight and speed they are capable of;

E-bikes will allow more users access to remote areas that don't see traffic which will increase visitor impacts in sensitive areas such as;

Wilderness areas; critical habitat, elk migration areas, riparian and alpine ecosystems;

The Limited number of USFS LOEs will not be able to enforce e-bike rules and allowing e-bikes on limited trails will be allowing e-bikes on all trails due to a lack of enforcement and monitoring;

This rule change is unenforceable and will have large effects on the forest due to a lack of enforcement. It will result in motorized vehicle on all trails and all areas due to a lack of enforcement. It will be similar to unleashed dogs at trailheads, which is also rampant and not enforced both create negative user experiences, impact to sensitive ecosystems and policy that is not consistent with the use of motorized vehicles.