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Comments: I oppose any expansion of the use of motorized vehicles on National Forest lands, and e-bikes are a form of motorized vehicle. There are already too many miles of trails open to motorized vehicle use, to the point that it has become increasingly difficult to enjoy a peaceful hike without having the sound or dust from a vehicle disturb the experience. Furthermore, the general public does not seem able to follow the regulations put forth by the National Forest Service and limit their motorized travel to the designated trails. Many people choose to travel on any trail they can find. And as soon as one person takes a motorized vehicle on a trail closed to motorized travel, others seem compelled to follow. It is extremely disappointing to hike for several hours in an area closed to motorized travel, just to find a side-by-side, or motorcycle miles from where they are supposed to be. This has happened numerous times to me on the Bridger-Teton National Forest.

I was once riding horesback with the Game & Fish Wildlife Biologist for my area on a trail closed to motorized travel, when a rider on a motorcycle came zipping down the trail and almost caused both horses to bolt. The rider had no regard for our safety or concern over what their motorcycle might do to the horses. By allowing additional areas to be used by e-bikes, these types of problems will only become worse. The Forest Service does not have the resources to monitor the many miles of trails and roads on their lands for violators, and the public knows it and abuses the opportunity to access areas with motorized vehicles.

Please do not expand motorized vehicle travel to additional trails and areas. Those of us who follow the rules deserve to have the experience that we expect without having the frustration of a motorized vehicle ruining it for us.