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Comments: I am opposed to permitting electric bicycles on the proposed trails in th BT national forest. Electric bikes are motor bikes and motor bikes travel at a higher rate of speed. Riders of these bikes approach hikers and horse riders from behind and cause an immediate startle and flee response. I have personally experienced this. It is dangerous and bothersome and incompatible with the experience we all seek when recreating on our public trails. The experience of solitude, silence, viewing wildlife and scenery is much more valuable to the vast majority of trail users. Going fast, destroying the surface of the trail, scaring people and wildlife is what ebikers do. I request that you deny any permits that would enable ebike use on any trails used by hikes and horse riders. Ebikes belong on trails solely designated for their use.