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Comments: By allowing the continued access of mountain bikes into public forest lands, the USFS is endorsing the degradation of forest ecology and ensuring the building of new mountain bike trails. Adding electric mountain bikes into the mix is just spreading the damage and is an even greater safety issue. Letting vehicles like these bikes, dirt bikes, and ATVs into our public forests is such a travesty. Access to logging roads would be o.k., but these vehicles go off-road and on trails. It is hazardous to try and hike on the same trails dominated by mountain bikers and other rec vehicle users; hikers are effectively being bullied off the trails. And then there is the wildlife and habitat that is being displaced by all of this wreckreational nonsense. Do not allow any vehicles access into the forests other than on logging roads. Are we not in the midst of climate change, and species and habitat loss? The USFS needs to be a responsible caretaker of public forest lands. Please do not allow electric mountain bikes access into our forests!!!!