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Comments: I appreciate the sentiment to provide access to people who might not otherwise have it. But the proposal to permit e-bikes (and any other motorized, electronic or similar devices) in the BTNF system is a bad idea. The reason is the huge increase in usage that will occur. Let's not be naive. We are kidding ourselves if we think this wouldn't happen.

The proposal is not limited to people with disabilities. For example, the proposal refers to "those with... cardiovascular conditions..." or the need to "equalize a group's ability to ride together." So apparently the idea is there is no limit on the type of person who could avail themselves of a motorized bike. (And even if there were limits, who is going to do the line drawing on a "cardiovascular condition"?)

I ask the Forest Service to withdraw this proposal. To go forward with this would not be consistent with good stewardship of the BTNF. It could ruin the system.

[Note - this comment should not be categorized as "conjectural" under the penultimate paragraph of the "Public Involvement" section of the proposal because the proposal itself - in passing - mentions the problem of increased usage.]