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Comments: Comments on the proposed Recreational Opportunity Spectrum changes in the Rattlesnake National Recreation Area (RNRA).

The Rattlesnake National Recreation Area's Main Trailhead is located in a lovely narrow valley with the Rattlesnake Creek flowing through it. We appreciate many beautiful things about RNRA, one being the sound of Rattlesnake Creek as it flows past the rock cliff wall on the west side of the creek just north of the Main Trailhead. This sound is magnified and carried to the rest of this narrow valley, where I live.

The soundboard is the heart and soul of the piano as it provides the instrument with its full and rich sound. Its purpose is to radiate a large volume of sound over a wide frequency range. The rock cliff wall north of the Main Trailhead acts as a soundboard reflecting and magnifying any sound from this area throughout our narrow-valley neighborhood. The sound of the creek is lovely and can even be meditative and therefore healthy. The sound of motorized vehicles in this area would be quite disturbing for our neighborhood in this narrow valley.

Another major issue to take into consideration is the enforcement of the regulations around trail usage and trail safety. Our local horseback riders are already experiencing great difficulty with those who disregard the regulations that are in place at the Horse Parking, Horse Trailhead and Trail down across the Horse Bridge with off-leash dogs and bike riders putting the horses, riders and themselves at great risk. We are all aware that the Forest Service does not have the manpower to monitor, manage and enforce these safety regulations, ergo the ongoing problems with those who disregard regulations.

Ebikes have already caused problematic issues on the trails in the RNRA. Categorizing this area as "semi primitive motorized" for motorized vehicular use would only exacerbate the existing problems and increase the dangers and risks on these trails. It would also open the doors to noise pollution in our adjacent neighborhood.

I remember, way back, when we would meet Ranger Joe Mussulman on horseback on the trails in the RNRA. He would visit with and politely guide folks to respect and follow the regulations set forth for the enjoyment and safety of all. I would dearly love to see Forest Rangers on horseback up there today, if there were only the funding for these personnel.