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Comments: Subject: Concerns Regarding E-Bike Use on the New Questa to Red River Trail

I appreciate the effort to develop the new trail from Questa to the Red River boundary, as it will provide an excellent opportunity for outdoor enthusiasts to explore the area. However, as an avid long-distance rider, I have concerns about allowing e-bikes on this trail.

Currently, many trails throughout Taos and surrounding areas of New Mexico are being used by bikes despite regulations stating they are not allowed. Unfortunately, there is often no enforcement to ensure compliance. In my experience, many cyclists, both traditional and electric, are unaware that horses have the right of way. This has led to several near-accidents when bikes pass too closely or fail to yield, creating hazardous situations for equestrians.

I urge the Forest Service to consider the safety of all trail users and implement clear guidelines and enforcement measures if ebikes are permitted on this trail. Proper signage, education for cyclists, and trail monitoring could help prevent conflicts and ensure a safer, more enjoyable experience for all.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Sunny