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Comments:

eBikes should be treated the same as motorcycles, because that is what they are.

Technology tends to evolve faster than our social institutions and regulations can keep up. This often leads to unintended negative consequences.

eBikes should therefore be carefully regulated on public lands.

eBikes have the capacity to carry impacts deeper into the wildlands than foot traffic or human-powered bicycles. Negative impacts include: weeds, erosion, crowding, collisions, wildlife disturbance, accidents/emergencies, conflicts with other recreation such as equestrians and hikers, etc. These impacts should be carefully considered and avoided/minimized.

eBikes should be limited, not expanded on National Forest lands. There are literally thousands of miles of existing roads and trails where ebikes are already allowed. eBikes should not be allowed on non-motorized hiking trails.