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Comments: After a rain or event that softens the trail beds, horses, hikers, road bikes should be encouraged not to use non-motorized trails for 24-72 hours after a significant rain or snow events. This practice would reduce the creation of ruts, holes, etc. within the trail bed.

On non-motorized trails, horses, hikers, road bikers have the potential to damage trails and they all have the potential to damage the trail bed.

There should be consideration of adding solar-water pumps and troughs or catchments along the trails to provide a constant water source for horses in particular as well as for hikers and bikers.

Page 183, para5: TNF employs a strategy of 'adaptive management. Issue: introduction of E-bikes is a non-motorized trails:

(1) e-bikes should be considered motorized and not be on non-motorized trails;

(2) non-motorized trail etiquette is bikers yielded to horses, bikers yield to horses and bikers. Who would e-bikes yield to? e-bikes are silent and can make up to 20 mph - horses, bikers, and biker are less safe with e-bikes on a non-motorized trail

(3) all the forest signage - put in place over almost the last 75-100 years would have to be replaced - who will do this? what will pay for new signs? What will the signs and symbols depict as to who has the right-of-way and who yields. The re-education process for users of non-motorized trails will be enormous and it is estimated only 25% of users will understand the change over the first 5 years.

(4) There should be no exception for disabled people to use E-bikes on a non-motorized trails as this would be an open loop-hole and e-bike riders could get disabled identifiers (IDs) there would be no way to enforce this.