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Comments: Thank you to the Forest Service for all you are doing to maintain and protect this trail. It is an incredible resource for the state for people to care about and experience nature and the wonderful diversity in Arizona.

In every way, I am a huge fan of the Arizona Trail. I have thru-hiked and bikepacked the trail multiple times. I've also volunteered to do trail work and taken groups of kids bikepacking on the trail (with Gro Girls Gro, El Grupo and Project Bike Club). I set a fastest known time on the trail in the spring of 2021 and my experiences on the AZT are very dear to me.

The only major change I wish to see is the inclusion of e-bikes as a mode of travel on the Arizona Trail. This would open up the trail to more users that might not be able to ride it on a regular bike (older folks, adaptive riders, etc). I saw some adaptive riders in the Grand Canyon last spring and it really inspired me! I'd love to see more of this!

Thank you for all you do!

Attachment: Picture