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Comments: I do not support the use of E-Bikes in any area designated as wilderness. I am concerned that the use of E-Bikes will destroy the solitude of those who wish to hike. E-Bikes will also move people quickly and result in animals being surprised and impacted as individuals move along trails quickly and animals will not be able to avoid conflicts. This will result in animals avoiding trails and have their habitat bifurcated by these trails. There is also the risk of noise from E-Bikes. E-Bikes could conflict with both hikers and those on horse back. They would not have time to avoid E-Bikes as they will move to quickly down trails. There is the risk of E-Bikes surprising animals and resulting in conflicts that could result in the injury to wildlife, humans or both. E-Bikes could damage trails through constant tire impacts leading to erosion and increased costs to trail management. This could lead to sedimentation in nearby streams, causing the loss of wild fish species.