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Comments: -

- Ebikes should be managed as motorized vehicles and kept to dirt and gravel roads. They should not be allowed on non-motorized single-track trails. There is a huge inventory of motorized routes open to all classes of E bikes.
- They will result in a greater burden on local emergency services as they allow people who are not as physically capable to travel farther from trailheads than they normally would go.
- Class 1 thru 3 ebikes on the trails will add to the overuse and crowding many areas already experience, this will result in increased conflicts between users.
- I have seen ebikes going over 30 MPH on trails designed for horses, hikers, and non motorized bikes.
- There is no funding for enforcement or management of this added impact on non motorized trails.
- Hiking, biking, and horses are very different on the trail than a motorized machine. . This is a slippery slope. If anything, it opens the door to other motorized vehicles on trails. Already we are seeing 5000 watt bikes: " Motor: C & N 5000 watt Geared Hub-Drive Battery: Extended Distance 72v, 29.8ah " These are electric motorcycles- not bicycles !
- Ebikes are significantly heavier and do more damage to the trails. I have volunteered for years on trail building and repair, and oppose any more damage and erosion on trails.
- I oppose this proposed rule. Over the last 10 years we have seen increasing damage to our natural lands- fewer acres of land to recreate in- and more people using the land with no increase in monitoring and enforcement.
- Plenty of recreational opportunities for ebike users already exist on the large network of motorized trails- they are in fact MOTORIZED vehicles.
- Adding motorized ebikes to the trails will add to the overuse and crowding many areas already experience, this will result in increased conflicts between users.
- The ebike technology is rapidly advancing and it is almost impossible to know which bikes are only pedal assist and which have throttles that don't require pedalling, this will make fair regulation of this new technology difficult, therefore keeping them on dirt roads and gravel roads is the most conservative approach as once a use is allowed it is much more difficult to restrict. The effects of ebikes needs much more study and assessment, it is just too early in the development of this technology to allow access on non-motorized single-track trails.
- Ebikes should be managed as motorized vehicles and kept to dirt and gravel roads. They should not be allowed on single-track trails for the following reasons. 1) they are significantly heavier and do more damage to the trails,.
- Plenty of recreational opportunities for ebike users already exist on the large network of motorized trails- they are in fact MOTORIZED vehicles.
- Non-motorized trails were created to ensure that the public could find recreational trail opportunities free from the ever-growing motorization and mechanization. Millions of public land users including hikers, backpackers, hunters, horse packers, climbers, mountain bikers and many more, value non-motorized trails for recreation.

Opening non-motorized trails to motors would forever change the backcountry experience for these users.

- Keep ebikes off of Non-motorized trails. I ride mountain bikes, but see the huge impact that ebikes are having on non-motorized trails and public safety.

---Thanks for the opportunity to comment.