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Comments: Hello. I am opposed to all e-bikes on hiking trails. I can see them used on roads, along with mountain bikes, but having any bicycle on a trail (especially a narrow trail) ruins the experience of hiking. When I hike, I want to feel safe and listen to the sounds of nature. This peacefulness restores me. Recently during the pandemic, our local foothills park allowed mountain bikes to enter the park. They have never been allowed on the hiking trails. Unfortunately, some mountain bikers rode on these very narrow trails (about 3 feet wide) and created a hazardous situation. I have hiked these trails for about 30 years and had never seen a mountain bike on a hiking trail, and I was almost run off a narrow trail by a mountain biker. It was very scary and didn't allow any social distancing. While I understand the need for the elderly and disabled to use e-bikes (I am also elderly and have a permanent back disability) in some situations, I would hate to see e-bikes or mountain bikes allowed on hiking trails, especially narrow trails. Thank you for your consideration.