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Comments: I strongly oppose the introduction of e-bikes on any of our public lands except on designated roads where motorized vehicles are permitted. I live in a community where e-bikes have become poular and have first hand experience. Following are my reasons

1. Riders will not observe speed restrictions causing risk to other trail users and potentially wildlife

2. Motorized bikes will encourage off-trail riding as is already the case with mountain bikes.

3.Recent studies conducted in Canada indicate that trail bikers are most disruptive to wildlife as compared with hikers etc.

4. There is currently insufficient resources to enforce existing regulations. As a regular user of our public lands that is obvious. So why introduce another factor.

Thank you for considering my comments. I hope that you actually take them into account unlike the recent decision to eliminate the roadless rule which has overwhelming public support