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Comments: As a resident of a state (Utah) that is 65% owned by the USFS and BLM, and as an avid outdoor hiker and mountain biker, I am very familiar with e-bikes and their associated impacts. I strongly believe e-bikes should only be allowed on designated motorized roads and trails. They are motorized bicycles, not mechanized. It would be impossible to regulate which class of e-bikes are using trails. USFS and BLM law enforcement rangers are spread thin as it is.

If you allow e-bikes, then you open the door to motorcycles, which are also gaining in popularity nationwide. Current non-motorized trails should remain open ONLY to hiker, mountain bikers, and equestrians. There would be extreme user conflicts between these user groups, wildlife, cattle, and the high speed of e-bikes. ADA or people with disabilities would not be able to ride e-bikes on narrow, single track non-motorized hike/mountain bike trails, as it requires extreme physical skill. ADA access is plentiful with the network of motorized double track trails and roads on both USFS and BLM lands that share the same landscape as the non-motorized trail network. Thank you.