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Comments: Ebikes should be allowed on the trails. The bike industry has worked tirelessly to keep these bikes as close to bicycles as possible. No major bike manufacturer makes an electric mountain bike that is anything other than class 1, meaning it is pedal assist only and only assists you up to 20mph. In addition to this, the motors are equipped with heavy tamper protection to keep them at or below 20mph. Every interaction I've had with an ebiker has been pleasant and many people I ride with have no idea people are riding them. During another ebike access meeting, a wise bike shop owner said: "ebikes aren't going anywhere." These technologies are only becoming more stealthy and sales far outpace traditional bikes at the time of writing. With the bike industry and PeopleForBikes taking responsible steps to self regulate, these bikes will only grow in popularity. Note, this does NOT necessarily mean an increase in the number of trail users. Anecdotally, I only know a handful of people that own electric mountain bikes, and 100% of them are bikers that would normally be using the trails. (and doing the majority of the trail work by the way) These are not motorcycles, these are bicycles, and they should be allowed to go where bicycles go.