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please do not allow ebike access current non-motorized trails for the reasons below:

- increased speed of recreation is proven to have negative effects on surrounding wildlife. Ebikes will undoubtedly represent an increase in speed based on the some of the technology coming out recently. Some classes of Ebikes reach up to 30 MPH with a throttle and weigh over 100 pounds. These are essentially dirtbikes and will only increase user conflicts and wildlife conflicts on our non-motorized trail systems. Moreover, the technology is still very young for ebikes so prepare for future ebikes that will reach speeds of a race bred dirtbike in the years to come. I don't think it's a viable option to only limit some classes of ebikes as that will be impossible to enforce and will again only increase user conflicts.

- with increased tourism our public lands have been getting trashed. I've seen it first hand in Colorado. There are many purpose built motorized trails that are a perfect fit for ebikes as well as county and FS road ways. Giving motorized access to fragile environments to a whole new group of users is sending the wrong message and will only increase the degradation of our fragile lands.

- I'm not sure how you can reconcile ebikes with non-motorized users. As technology evolves these things will undoubtedly become faster and higher performance machines. This will open the door for dirt bike users to also look to grant access to the trails. Ebikes will also have very negative impact on the hiking populations. Our public lands are getting loved to death and the conversation needs to be about preservation and not unlimited use to our lands when there are already suitable areas for this type of use.

Please do not allow this usage!

thanks

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