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Comments: This last summer, Colorado got a taste of what is to come with pressure on public lands. With so many people feeling trapped by Covid, many chose to come to the Colorado mountains. Those of us who live here were aghast at what we witnessed - crowded trails and trailheads, more erosion, more trash, more impacts on wildlife, more off-trail activity that kills vegetation and degrades the environment. Opening up the backcountry to e-bike use is one of the worst things we can do. For sure a lot of people will flock to the trails on their motorized bikes. That is exactly the problem. Already hikers are marginalized by mountain bike riders where bikes are allowed. If e-bikes are allowed, the situation will be much much worse for slow quiet human users as well as wildlife. And once such an irresponsible policy is enacted, it will be very difficult to rescind. Please please please don't do it.