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Comments: Regardless of class, e-bikes are motorized vehicles and do not belong on any trails intended for non-motorized use. The manner in which the motor is controlled does not in any way make them equivalent to a bicycle.

Battery and motor technology will improve over time increasing range, power and torque bringing greater complexity as the distinction between e-bikes and electric motorcycles blur. The issue is simple and should remain so, a bicycle is purely human powered, anything else is motorized. The history on this is also clear, mixing motorized and non-motorized use on trails is dangerous which is why trails are now separated by use.

If we are to believe what proponents say that e-bikes will allow the elderly, injured or others not now capable of riding a human powered bicycle to explore the trails. Imagine an e-bike carrying someone ten or more miles into the wilderness before they crash or maybe simply run out of battery. They couldn't pedal a bicycle but somehow they are now expected to be capable of getting themselves to safety? I've been riding mountain bikes since the late nineties and have on more occasions than I'd like to admit damaged my bicycle while riding sufficient to make it unrideable resulting in having to walk out of the trails with my bike on my back. Unfortunately, we don't get to choose when and where we crash or have mechanical failures.