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Comments: I am strongly opposed to any ammendments that increase the use of e-bikes on public lands. E-bikes continue to grow more and more powerful and the coming years will blur the distinction between e-bikes and motorbikes, creating the danger that allowing e-bikes on public lands will be tantamount to opening public lands to motorized use. As the Covid-19 pandemic has shown us, Americans seek public lands as a place of peace and solace and anxiety about fast-moving vehicles coming around turns destroys that solace. It also disturbs wildlife at a time when human beings are already responsible for the 6th mass extinction of life on Earth. Further, electronic bikes with increasingly powerful engines will damage trails and encourage erosion. As someone who has spent a lifetime enjoying our public lands, I feel strongly that we need to keep them as peaceful and wildlife friendly as possible.