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Comments: While I can appreciate the utility of E-bikes for those who lack the muscle strength, lung capacity or other hindrances, I do not believe they belong everywhere.

As a runner, with the recent boon of outdoor recreation, it is enough to negotiate the trails with the human powered bikes. Our trails are at the point of degradation here in Gunnison County, with trailheads packed and trails even worse.

The idea of further impact, and the loss of the very thing we all desire, a break from the craziness of our times, to add yet another user group to this already crazy volume we're experiencing, is folly.

There has to be some means to distribute the user groups over various venues. We are choking with all the traffic, parking, and lines of bikes and hikers here.

E-bikes can surge past those making the effort to gain their peace and quiet and further diminish the already "busy" experience.

Wilderness is of course, off limits to all mechanized vehicles. So runners and hikers must now travel to those areas exclusively for their solitude, but must often battle their way through throngs of bikers to reach their goal. Add E-bikes and the situation worsens.

Using forest service roads and urban & amp; suburban trails offers a multitude of options and would not further impact the high-altitude and technically challenging trails with motorized equipment.

The challenge, expertise, and training of the experienced hiker, runner or Mountain biker should not be considered inconsequential, and is most certainly mocked when it now seems superfluous. Now all you need is money.