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Comments: I am opposed to E-Bikes on Public lands throughout the US. I am totally for E-Bikes as an excellent form of transportation in cities and towns, they allow those who would otherwise not bike to save resources and enjoy the outdoors. However as a long time mountain biker, I have only had negative encounters with E-Bikes on trails. Often those riding E-bikes are not at the skill level they should be to be on technically challenging trails, creating dangerous situations for themselves and others. These riders will also often want "flow trails instead of traditional narrow single-track. These flow trails cause greater erosion, increase rider speeds, and limit the safety and joy that other traditional trail users can have , especially hikers. Additionally, Class I E-Bikes may only go the speed a human can reasonably pedal, however, this is usually a lot faster then most other users, including regular mtn bikers, hikers, and horseback riders are using trails. There are already many disputes between various trail users over trail safety and I believe adding inexperienced riders on bikes that are altogether faster then all other users will not make trails safer. Additionally, I have tested many E-Bikes before as a former bike shop employee. Even a Class I bike can accelerate quite quickly, which can cause higher erosion t both loam and sandier trail surfaces. If we hope to maintain are trails well into the future, I believe we must limit trail access to horses and human-powered vehicles. It is a slippery slope once you begin to allow other forms of transportation. Let us not bow to the E-bike industry, which has much to gain from opening lands, and preserve the bonds between existing trail users and the beautiful trails across our country.