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E-Bike Comment

Please do NOT permit e-bikes on non-motorized trails within the U.S. Forest Service lands. Gunnison County, Colorado has the highest concentration and number of single-track trails in North America. There are over 750 miles of non-motorized single track trails in Gunnison County.

As a hiker who has lived in Gunnison County for 22 years, I can assure you that hikers use every one of the non-motorized trails within our county. My number one concern is SAFETY. Although it appears straightforward that e-bikes come in three classes, technology is changing so fast that now the fastest e-bike on the market has the capability of speeds over 60 miles per hour. This is definitely a safety issue for any hiker if a silent fast-moving motorized vehicle approaches a hiker at 60 miles per hour on a single-track trail.

I don't see how the Forest Service could ever enforce the use of certain classes of e-bikes.

Below is an excerpt about the SWIND EB-01

SWIND EB-01 is the ultimate toy for the urban adventurer and cross-country adrenalin junkie. £15k bicycle boosts pedal power with 15kW electric motor, delivering speeds of over 60mph (100km/h) and 80 miles (130km) of range.

There are endless roads and trails open to motorized use and e-bikes should be designated to those trails.

I am a strong believer that public lands should be open to all user groups. However, I am also a strong believer that access to our public lands implies a certain level of enjoyment and safety.

I appreciate the opportunity to comment on this very controversial topic.

Thank you.