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Comments: I oppose any changes to the present laws that would allow any vehicle with a motor - including all classes of e-bikes, which have a motor - to be allowed on non-motorized trails. Federal land managers do not have the resources to enforce the various classifications of e-bikes on trails, and it is difficult to visually distinguish between classes of e-bikes, making any enforcement effort of e-bike 'rules' virtually impossible.

Where I live and recreate, we have access to a patchwork quilt of public and private lands under the jurisdiction of the BLM, NFS, various conservancies, and private landowner easements. Allowing motorized e-bike vehicle access will make these cross-jurisdictional situations extremely troublesome, and could very well result in loss of access across the public/private easements that we currently enjoy.

I am a hiker and my husband is a mountain biker. I understand very well the existing tension among user groups including horsemen, that the quick speeds among non-motorized users presents. Most mountain bikers riding on trails we ride here in central Colorado would have a difficult time averaging more than 10 mph cross country and hikers....gosh we are very slow. I have been passed by class 1 e-bikes travelling uphill on non-motorized trails at speeds exceeding 15 mph. Hiking is downright scary when you come up a hill to a bike travelling so fast.

Here in central Colorado, the miles of motorized trails far outnumber the miles of non-motorized, non-Wilderness Area trails, thus, the motorized community, including any class of e-bike user, currently has access to greater recreational opportunities relative to the non-motorized user group. Any reduction in non-motorized access in favor of motorized access should be totally rejected. I don't wish to fear for my safety as I hike our local trails.

I recognize that e-bikes have a place on public lands and generally should be allowed where motorized vehicles are permitted. The existing motorized trail system provides plentiful opportunities for e-bike use with miles and miles of trails currently open to their use. Oh, and ebikes just like motorcycles....degrade the trails so bad that you can't even walk on them.