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Comments: I fully disagree with allowing e-bikes on non-motorized trails and strongly urge the USFS to not allow E-Bikes on non-motorized trails. I believe allowing E-Bikes on such trails would be a mistake for several reasons...

The first is, the E-bike has an electronic MOTOR, therefore allowing them on non-motorized trails would be a gateway (or a slippery slope) in allowing all motorized vehicles on such trails. I was recently on a non-motorized trail (Kilgore creek trail, I believe Highline Spur 2136A) with my pack llamas, and I ran into a couple of E-bikes on this trail. Needless to say, my llamas really didn't like seeing an e-bike come screaming around the corner on a trail that they shouldn't be on to begin with. This shows people don't follow the non-motorized trails to begin with, and making it more complicated with different class e-bikes will just give people more opportunity to plead innocent by ignorance.

This leads me to my second reason. I can't imagine horses, llamas, or even hikers are going to enjoy competing on the trail with bikes that can travel upwards of 30-mph. E-bikes and livestock seem to be a very dangerous combination for all parties involved.

I am reading a lot of comments saying "e-bikes should be allowed because they are carbon free and quiet". I agree, this is a bonus to e-bikes, but I do not see that as a reason to allow them on non-motorized trails. People travel on non-motorized trails to get out of the hustle and bustle of town, to get out and enjoy the solitude, get away from the masses of people and enjoy nature. I fear if E-bikes are allowed on non-motorized trails, all of those aspects of the backcountry people wish to experience will disappear.

Thanks,

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