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Comments: As a woman who hikes, I have many fears for hiking in wilderness areas. The one thing that increases my safety is knowing that the only other people out there tend to be hikers who are concerned about safety as well. Increasing e bike traffic will erode that safety by introducing another element of those who are wanting to cover ground, rather than enjoying the solitude of nature.

In addition, many of the trails will be permanently damaged by e bike traffic, making them un-hikable for the rest. There are already many trails for motorized traffic that ebikes can utilize.

Damage to animals and habitat will be infinitely increased. All in all, it's just a terrible idea to open trails up to ebikes. It will be detrimental to non-motorized trail users as well as the environment.

Do NOT open more trails to e bikes!!!!.