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Comments: Motorized vehicle use has been restricted for good reason. These faster moving and heavier vehicles create more user conflict and cause increased wear on the trails. E-bikes are no different and should continue to be regulated as a motorized vehicle. E-bikes are faster than a traditional bike and also heavier. A faster moving vehicle that's harder to stop increases the chance of collision with other trail users. The increased speed and weight also causes more wear to the trails resulting in increased maintenance costs and poor trail conditions for other users.

Improving trail access for elderly and disabled users is worthwhile. However, e-bike use could be permitted for these users only. It is very difficult to distinguish between different e-bike classes. Enforcement of use by specific classes of e-bikes would be difficult and expensive. It would be much easier to enforce policies that allow elderly and disabled e-bike use only.

In order to reduce user conflict and trail maintenance e-bike use should be limited to motorized trails with the exception of elderly and disabled users.