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Comments: I am writing to voice my strong opposition to allowing e-bikes on non-motorized trails on public lands. E-bikes do have motors and should therefore be regulated as such. If not regulated this way, there will be no clear line regarding what types of vehicles are allowed where. The development of more powerful e-bikes and new technology will increasingly blur these lines.

Moreover, the impact is greater and we must manage our public lands for the public good, which includes wildlife, water, noise pollution, air pollution and more. More people using e-bikes does not necessitate opening up new areas to them. Your responsibility is to instead manage for the public good, not the convenience or desire of a few. I urge you to base management decisions on impacts to our public lands and shared resources, first and foremost.

I appreciate your consideration and the opportunity to express my opinion.

Sincerely,

Erika Brown