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Comments: Although e-bike usage is growing, I believe it is a huge mistake to start opening up non-motorized trails to motorized e-bikes. As an avid hiker, backpacker, hunter, etc. I am constantly using non-motorized trails to find peace from the excess commotion of daily life. The thought of this space being opened to e-bikes (which have motors) and someone flying by a hiker at 20+mph would take away from those of us who constantly utilize non-motorized trails.

And what about livestock on trails? As an owner of pack llamas, I fear what running into a e-bike could cause on the trails. And what of those on horseback?

I also have grave concern with allowing e-bikes on non-motorized trails because it opens up the possibility for people to go further, faster which will lead to faster trail deterioration because trail maintenance is not prepared to keep up with the farther travel than those on normal bikes. And what about the risks of those who travel further on trails on an e-bike that have motor malfunctions and end up stranded or hurt further back causing greater strain on already strained Search and Rescue teams.

Fundamentally, e-bikes have MOTORS and therefore should not qualify to be allowed on NON-MOTORIZED trails.