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Comments: At a time when there are so many environmental threats to our public lands and especially those protected as National Parks the last thing needed is to introduce motorized E-bikes. They may seem more benign than other types of motorized vehicles but they still represent the potential to damage sensitive areas, destroy trails, and scare wildlife. Budgets are already stretched and inadequate to respond to current maintenance needs. Adding another source of damage requiring restoration and increased maintenance costs makes no sense. Its been said that we Americans are loving our National Parks to death. Why would you want to hasten their demise? Please focus on protecting the options that are already overused?

E-bikes also have the potential to harm hikers by going too fast. There is also data that older adults using E-bikes are subject to injury from not operating them properly. E-bikes will allow some riders to go further than they would otherwise and if the battery fails not to be able to safely return to their point of exit. That would result in more search and rescue demands on already taxed resources. . Do not allow E-bikes in our National Parks!