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Comments: I oppose the proposal to allow e-bikes in non-motorized wilderness areas.

They are capable of speeds well in excess of mountain bikes. The speed and lack of noise makes them a threat to wildlife and hikers.

The character of battery power allows maximum power from 0 RPM's. This can easily lead to rutting and erosion on trails as well as fragile ecological areas.

E-bikes require no human power and (based on my experience on urban trails) facilitate use in irresponsible ways among some riders.

E-bikes should remain categorized as motorized vehicles and restricted from wilderness areas.