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The bottom line in this fracas is simple: the meaning of the word "Wilderness." Let me explain. "Wilderness" pertains to parts of our beleaguered Planet which are either naturally free of "civilization" or have been set aside by certain civilized humans, to exist without the damages and intrusions posed by "civilization." Intrusions by us humans may be permitted in ways that do not damage the wilderness, its wild inhabitants, its air, water, quietude, and ecological integrity.

Unfortunately the noise made by machines that are a part of "civilization," and they do damage and intrude upon wilderness; this cannot be denied. In other words, noisy e-bikes effectively bring noise, fumes, trash, and all the unfortunate byproducts of human intrusion. They, and the increased presence of the humans they bring into wilderness, have no place in areas designated as "Wilderness."

Do not allow e-bikes to intrude into wilderness areas.