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Comments: Electric bikes are motorized. Therefore they must stay off non-motorized trails. If an area is popular and lack motorized trails, then the USFS should have its outdoor recreation planners develop such trails - try to balance the situation out so that abuse of non-motorized trails doesn't occur. Also, any kind of mechanical device, E-bikes and otherwise, must stay off wilderness trails. It's sad that in the Smokey Bear District where I live, there seems to be no enforcement toward keeping mountain bikes off wilderness trails. There's plenty of public land adjacent to wilderness areas that mountain bike trails can be developed. Take a look at what BLM and NPS did with the McInnis Canyons NCA - that's they way to work with all publics and develop motorized, mechanical and non-motorized trails all in the same setting - <https://www.blm.gov/programs/national-conservation-lands/colorado/mcinnis-canyons>