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Comments: I strongly oppose any plan to open up more trails and wildlands to E-bikes. Such vehicles should only be permitted on the same roads as vehicles powered by internal combustion engines. They must just as fast as other powered vehicles, and pose real dangers to hikers and equestrians. Indeed the risk is increased by the quietness of electric motors which permit e-bikes to surprise other users of public lands.

Having encountered ordinary bikes along the Pacific Crest Trail and in Wilderness areas, I am certain that e-bikes will further erode lawful behavior. Any proposed new rules must be analyzed within the framework of NEPA where they will likely be found to conflict with existing policy and with sensible land management.