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Comments: I am opposed to language in FSM 7710 that proposes allowing ebikes on certain trails that are open to non-motorized bicycles. As a hiker, I find it very difficult to even share the trails with cyclists, as they like to rocket downhill, seeking a "roller-coaster" experience. They are very quiet and can come up on a hiker without warning, endangering the pedestrian with the possibility of a collision that could result in fractured ribs or something similar. To add motorized bicycles to the mix, when they can travel much faster than regular bicycles, particularly when going uphill, is a very scary idea.

In addition, the effects of mountain-bike disturbances on wildlife have been documented as significant and deleterious. To allow motorized bikes to push even farther into remote areas and disturb wildlife even further would be extremely harmful. Many species of wild animals are already declining. This would just further turn their habitat into a giant playground for human beings.