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Comments: E-bikes are basically motor vehicles and do not belong, by definition, in wilderness areas. Research shows that like all recreation, mountain bikes displace wildlife, and because they travel farther and faster than hikers or equestrians, they can impact a much greater area in the same amount of time. E-bikes can travel much farther into the backcountry in less time, and startle and disturb wildlife over far greater distances. E-bikes also conflict with nonmotorized trail users like hikers, horseback riders, and bicyclists.

Please do not allow e-bikes in wildereness areas. This would be a terrible precedent!