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Comments: Being a senior citizen I appreciate e-bikes for my enjoyment in urban and suburban areas. However I am totally opposed to allowing e-bikes in our back country area trails in NFS land and in NPS land. They are potentially dangerous to hikers using same trails. They are going at speeds that impact wildlife. They add noise to environment as well - human and traffic noise. I hike routinely and understand my limits in where I hike but the value I get it from the quiet, the pace to truly see my surroundings and the slower quiet to absorb what I am part of are the keys to the experience. I do not think accessibility is a trade worth making - and I am one who will experience that impact sooner than most.

Secondary concern is wear and tear on trails - erosion certainly, additional water runoff due to lower trail compared to surrounding land and a widening of the trails. E-bike additional use will greatly contribute to this downgrade of trail and adjacent land.