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Comments: I have been a resident of Colorado for over 50 years, moving here from New York because my husband Ed and I loved to hike in the Gunnison National Forest on Colorado's Western Slope. The quiet, the peacefulness, the natural beauty, the remote trails -- all would be harmed by the presence of mountain e-bikers, who blast by, using the public lands as a jungle gym. Electric-powered bikes are motor vehicles that belong on designated trails elsewhere, not on trails used by hikers, fishers, horses, shepherds. E bikes are an urban presence and do not belong in the rural backcountry, the place we go to get away from modern civilization with its speed and convenience. I think we must treasure our national forests for what they are and now allow every new toy to have its way on the land. And we know, or at least I do, that e bikers will blaze many new trails, upsetting wildlife and the little animals have to be apart from humans.