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Comments: I recognize the necessity of Public Land Managers to address this issue. E-bikes are here. I believe they should be treated as a motorized vehicle the same as a motorized trail bike is now. This is what they are, no matter how someone may want to justify their existence otherwise. They are not something an elderly person or handicapped person would use on a hiking trail to experience nature. They take special skills to navigate on a trail, not just sit and relax while viewing surroundings. They can go farther and faster than hiking or horse riding so are not comparable at all in that way. They are quiet and can "sneak up" on hikers causing problems for elderly or others who are hiking (I know from experience!) They are another way for lazy people to avoid exercise. Do not allow another competing mode on hiking trails. We hikers and nature lovers have enough trouble getting away from modern conveniences made to set people farther from the nature that they purport to be trying to experience. This makes it harder for people who are slower and observant of the natural world.

"Getting away" is getting harder and harder with more people out recreating, this will allow another class of people to compete on our hiking trails. Hiking trails are for hikers, not people who want a "free ride".

E-bikes are motorized by definition so they must be regulated for what they are.