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Comments: E-bikes definitely have a place on motorized and city trails for commuting, but they do not belong on non-motorized trails. Here are the reasons:

-These bikes have a motor, making it possible to ride faster and cover more distance, which changes the trail experience for everyone.

-Motorized bikes shatter the experience of solitude, which is becoming harder and harder to obtain these days. In our faster, louder, more aggressive world, we should be making every effort to preserve opportunities for slowing down, solitude and quiet.

-There are already many, many miles of trails and roads that allow motorized vehicles and e-bikes are very appropriate for those roads and trails.

-E-bikes are harder on trails.

-E-bikes have a greater capacity to disturb wildlife.

-We already have many problems with hiker/biker exchanges on trails. We do not need to add to this problem by introducing motors to the situation.

-Allowing e-bikes on non-motorized trails sets a very dangerous precedent that could open the door for allowing more motorized vehicles in non-motorized areas, thus significantly changing the experience in those areas forever.

-Non-motorized trails were created so the public could experience recreation opportunities free from the increasing mechanization of our culture. We should respect this and retain it as is!

-Millions of hikers, backpackers, skiers, hunters, etc. use these trails for the quieter, non-motorized experience. Opening these trails to motors would alter this quiet experience forever.

Please DO NOT ALLOW e-bikes on non-motorized trails.