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Comments: Thank you for considering the issue of technology and of e-bikes - it is important if we are to protect natural environments while offering recreational access to people.

Natural environments have been set aside for preservation, conservation and sustainable management of resources. As such, the costs and benefits of any intrusions which cause stress or additional disruption to these areas should be carefully weighed.

E-bikes are definitely motorized, regardless of pedals. As such, their use can only be considered under rules governing the use of motorized vehicles. It may be difficult for a group of cyclists to ride together under different access rules; however, on no account should e-bikes be allowed to use non-motorized trails, paths or roads.

Pedal bicycles will need to use only motor-approved trails, paths or roads if cycling together with e-bikes.

E-bikes are able to push further into protected areas, potentially causing fright, disturbance and ecological damage to plants, animals and humans.

The question arises over how the new rules will be enforced. How will the natural areas remain protected without sufficient oversight and enforcement of rules and regulations? How will recreation visitors (or trespassers) learn about e-bike (and other) rules? How will responsible recreation be encouraged?

Of prime importance in the whole matter is that the natural environment and landscape remain protected as initially envisioned when set aside, so that future generations will be able to benefit as well.

Thank you. I encourage a fair but responsible plan to emerge that benefits everyone and everything equally, not one at the expense of the other, now as well as into the future.