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Comments: I believe all e-bikes should be considered motorized vehicles and should not be allowed on any non-motorized trails. This is just the beginning of this new and exciting technology which I fully support and believe overall is a very good thing for cycling. However, e-bikes are only going to get more powerful, capable and lighter. As battery technology continues to improve it is easy to imagine in 10 years or so all vehicles will be electric and the internal combustion engine will be pretty much gone (cars, dirt bikes, etc.). Therefore, you cannot distinguish between electric motorized and "regular" motorized vehicles. In other words, technology and time will make them all the same - all electric.

I've lived in the rockies for 23 years and I'm an avid mountain biker. I also own an e-bike that I use as a town cruiser (never on the trails). E-bikes are great but allowing them on non-motorized trails is akin to allowing motor dirt bikes on non-motorized trails. There will be a day, probably sooner than we realize, when there are no longer gasoline powered dirt bikes - they will all be electric. We can try to distinguish between the classes but that will only confuse and muddy the waters.

I've seen more and more e-bikes on our local trails, where they are not supposed to be, and the increased damage to those trails. There have also been multiple, some serious, accidents this summer involving e-bikes on the trails. A major safety issue is that the trails were not designed to have high speed traffic going up the hill so closure rates are significantly increased.

I believe it is a much better policy to keep with our existing trail system of having non-motorized trails and motorized trails.