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Comments: I feel the use of e bikes should be expanded on public lands. Being a person with a diverse background, (enjoying motor sports as a young adult, then having a love for wilderness and non motorized recreation in the backcountry as and adult, now developing health conditions with advancing age while still having a strong desire to access beautiful public lands). I would like to see e bikes having access to the majority of multi use trails on public land. I feel strongly e bikes should be able to use the vast majority of trails that a traditional human powered mtn bike can access. Why, having a long history of both mtn biking and hiking the vast majority of user conflicts occur when the mt bike is descending, therefor e bikes will not increase speed or user conflicts. If conflicts occur it will be related to over all increased users/numbers on trail. I feel multi use, hiker/biker trails have a much more esthetic feel than trails motor vehicle access. I feel these esthetics are valued by many and should be maintained. If e bikes progress to the pint they have the ability to accelerate and disrupt the trail surface, such bikes should not be allowed on multi use hike/bike trails. Thanks for considering expanding e bike use and have a great day.