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Comments: Ebikes should be allowed on trails.

Many of the concerns of E-Bikes have been addressed through studies:

\* Boulder County CO Study: <https://assets.bouldercounty.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/e-bikes-recommendation-bocc-11-13-2019.pdf>

- \* E-Bikes average speed was lower (13.8 mph) than analog bikes (14.5mph)

- \* Only 4.5% of trail users spotted an E-Bike

- \* 0 trail user conflicts with E-Bikes

\* IMBA Trail Impact Study: [https://b.3cdn.net/bikes/c3fe8a28f1a0f32317\\_g3m6bdt7g.pdf](https://b.3cdn.net/bikes/c3fe8a28f1a0f32317_g3m6bdt7g.pdf)

- \* "...soil displacement and tread disturbance from Class 1 eMTBs1 and traditional mountain bikes were not significantly different, and both were much less than those associated with a gasoline-powered motorcycle. "

\* University of Tennessee Knoxville study:

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S0001457515001992>

- \* E-Bikes have a lower average speed (6.8 mph) than analog bikes (7.8 mph) on greenways

This list can be expanded and built upon if the national forest allows ebikes. Also it will make trail maintenance much easier for your work crews and safety easier for rangers to get places that trucks cannot get.