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Comments: E-mtbs are motorized vehicles and should NOT be allowed on any trail or land designated as non-motorized. First and foremost it is a slippery slope to define some bikes with electric motors as non-motorized and some bikes with electric motors as motorized. The average trail user will not be able to tell the difference. It is very clear to state no motors of any kind. Some of these e-mtbs are as powerful as gasoline powered dirt bikes and will destroy the trails and put other trail users in jeopardy. Furthermore e-mtbs have very large lithium batteries which can malfunction and cause fire. This can also happen in the case of a crash where the integrity of the battery is compromised. Finally, all e-mtbs allow users to exceed the normal speed that trails have been designed for. ALL e-mtbs, regardless of classification, allow users to travel uphill at higher speeds than a non motorized bike. This specifically poses hazards to hikers, equestrians and even other bikes. The trails in our trail systems are not designed for uphill travel at the speed which an e-mtb can go. Please keep all motorized vehicles on trails designed and built for motorized vehicles. E-mtb users can advocate for new trails specifically built to accommodate their increased speeds safely.