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Comments: Any device with a motorized contraption should NOT BE ALLOWED on any trails.

Human/mechanical propulsion is the ONLY form of acceptable conveyance on any trail system.

eMTBs constitute motorized travel. There is NO END IN SIGHT on what an eMTB will look like, and no end of "classes" of eMTB that will be required to group each new generation of capability.

For all intents and purposes, any two wheeled device that has a motor that assists the rider is a "motor cycle".

I am both an AVID mountain biker, road bicyclist, cyclocross racer, and Motorcycle rider. There is NO ROOM for motorized devices in wilderness trail systems. The escalation of capability will render future eMTB contraption indistinguishable from lightweight electric Motorcycles within the next 2 to 3 years.

I understand that motor assist may allow for some individuals to access forest and trail systems that they may not have otherwise had access to. However, this use case is so significantly small that allowing use on this basis is fraught with way too much peril in terms of allowing destruction of our natural forests and wild spaces through the electrification of two wheeled devices.

The argument that electrified two wheeled devices (aka eMTBs) provides easier access to a greater range of natural terrain is exactly why it should be banned. If someone is too bloody lazy to pedal a bike to enjoy the wilderness, they are too lazy to be a part of civilization.