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Comments: I believe that E-bikes are important to help reduce greenhouse gas emissions and have a place on trails designated for motorized use, but they do not belong on non-motorized trails for a variety of reasons:

- First and foremost, E-bikes have a motor, regardless of whether they are fueled by gasoline or electricity. They simply should not be on non-motorized trails.
- Because they have a motor, they can go faster and cover more distance, which changes the trail experience for both the rider and the other people on the trail.
- Motorized bikes shatter the experience of solitude, which is becoming harder and harder to obtain these days. In our faster, louder, more aggressive world, we should be making every effort to preserve opportunities for solitude and quiet.
- There are already many miles of trails and roads that allow motorized vehicles where e-bikes are appropriate.
- E-bikes cause more erosion than regular bikes because of higher speeds.
- Studies have shown that objects moving at higher speeds have a greater effect on wildlife, so E-bikes have a greater capacity to disturb wildlife than human-powered bikes, hikers, or horseback riders.
- We already have many problems with hiker/biker exchanges on trails. We do not need to add to this problem by introducing motors to the situation.
- Allowing e-bikes on non-motorized trails sets a very dangerous precedent that could open the door for allowing more motorized vehicles in non-motorized areas, thus significantly changing the experience in those areas forever.
- Non-motorized trails were created so the public could experience recreation opportunities free from the increasing mechanization of our culture. We should respect this and retain it as is!
- Millions of hikers, backpackers, skiers, hunters, etc. use these trails for the quieter, non-motorized experience. Opening these trails to motors would alter this quiet experience forever.

Please do not allow E-bikes on non-motorized trails.