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Comments: I hike frequently in National Forest land. I can testify that trails which allow non-motorized bicycles suffer from much more trail erosion and dangerous encounters than trails that do not allow them. The last thing we need on trails that already allow non-motorized bicycles are e-bikes of any kind. The trails and pedestrians will suffer from higher speeds on the trails, meaning deeper erosion and more accidents between pedestrians and bicyclists. Furthermore, someone who would not be able to use a non-motorized bicycle on a hiking trail, should not be encouraged to use a motorized one out in the wild. They will get injured more often, and will be less able to help themselves if they have an accident. Furthermore, the additional noise that comes with the motor will be a greater disturbance to the quietness of the hiking trails, diminishing one of the primary purposes for going out into natural environments.

Use of E-bikes should be restricted to trails and roads that already allow motorized vehicles. There are plenty of such natural area trails and roads, which better accommodate those who do not have the physical ability to hike on foot or use a non-motorized bicycle.