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Comments: e-bikes should not be allowed on non-motorized trails!

I'm a hiker and have witnessed the conflicts between bikes and pedestrians and equestrians. Although protocol calls for bikes yielding to everyone, in reality it doesn't happen. People ride bikes because they go fast. They expect pedestrians to get out of their way. Given the historical conflict with manual bikes, adding e-bikes to non-motorized trails will escalate the incidence of injury further. I personally have witnessed these accidents, with equestrians and pedestrians suffering much more than cyclists.

Please do not open non-motorized trails to e-bikes! If you do you will not accomplish the objective of opening up access. Hikers and equestrians will avoid these trails. It's simply not safe nor enjoyable. I'm out there because I want a quiet stress-free environment. Bikes keep you on high alert.

Thank you for your consideration.