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Comments: Fragile ecosystems will be negatively impacted by e-bikes. Many problems are easily foreseen, but there are likely many that won't be foreseen as well.

Already, here in Colorado, with a booming population, litter and degradation from increased trail use are becoming a problem. Many users are concerned that trails will have to become permitted to protect them from overuse and misuse, as has already happened with the Hanging Lakes trail close to Glenwood Springs. Adding e-bikes to the list of allowed conveyances on such trails will only exacerbate these problems.

Additionally, wildlife will be negatively impacted by increased human presence in their habitats. Furthermore, an increase in humans without outdoor education will put increased pressure on search and rescue organizations and increase the danger to those who volunteer.