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Comments: I am writing this to request that e-bikes NOT be allowed on non-motorized trails. Here in Idaho, these trails are used very frequently and preferentially by horsemen and horsewomen and as a person who has owned very, very good horses in the past, I can assure you that even the best of horses will spook when presented with something coming at them quickly and quietly, especially on an unfamiliar trail. E-bikes will assuredly cause this to occur and will lead to potential injuries and/or deaths of not only the horses, but potentially the riders as well. Also, people utilize these trails to get into areas without motorized conveyances, to find some degree of solitude, to get to those areas that aren't accessible to just anyone and everyone. E-bikes will most assuredly increase the traffic in those areas, thus ruining the "get away from it all" experience for those that are looking for it. Finally, and certainly not of least importance, increasing bicycle traffic will increase erosion and destruction of the land around the trails on which bikes travel. Wheeled vehicles, including bicycles, displace more land structure and they slip and slide around on the surface of the trail and although it doesn't happen immediately, it inevitably results in acceleration of the erosion process. For these reasons, I strongly request that non-motorized trails remain just that - non-motorized. I believe that to allow this change will cause irreparable harm to our trail system. Thank you..