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Comments: Motorized bikes travel further and faster into the backcountry. Traveling up to 20-30 mph, e-bikes disrupt wildlife, impact habitat, and ruin the small portion of public lands that are quietly free from motorized vehicles.

Allowing e-bikes will increase trail use and the likelihood of reckless off-trail travel, further impacting ecosystems and causing erosion.

I own an e bike and know first hand how the extra weight can damage trails. I've seen the damage on a local experimental e bike approved trail, Twin Buttes in Durango, CO.

E bikes are fine on roads where motorized traffic is allowed but not on single track