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Comments: Please do not allow E-Bikes to be classified NON MOTORIZED! We ride out west 2 months a year and have already withdrawn from any trail except Wilderness trails for our safety. Our horses spook and the results can be death for us and the horse.

In the fall and spring we travel trails in the midwest. There are already plenty of trails for motorized vehicles!

Because e-bikes are surprisingly quiet, this combination of speed (Class III e-bikes can accelerate up to almost 30 mph unassisted) and silence endanger traditional non-motorized trail users, especially hikers, who typically average 2-3 mph, and equestrians, because horses tend to spook extremely easily. Many non-motorized trails are more remote and inaccessible than motorized trails and roads. If non-motorized trails are re-classified as e-bike trails, it is likely that Search & Rescue (SAR) calls will increase, and that more trail users will be injured more severely and more frequently. This video, from an e-bike manufacturer, indicates the target market and intent for its electric mountain bike, describing it as 'the weapon of choice.'