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Comments: Please do not allow E bikes on trails and please keep them classified as motorized vehicles. I can say from personal experience that any motorized traffic on a trail that is meant for hiking destroys that trail and the surrounding vegetation. A few years back, I backpacked up a trail that I had used previously after motorized vehicles were allowed on it. It was raining, so the ground was so slick that it was impossible to remain upright. Walking on the vegetation on the side just widened the trail and resulted in more erosion. There are many trails used by dirt bikes in the forest, and an e-bike could certainly use one of those. It would be nice to have less not more motorized traffic in our National Forests. We stress our forests with too much motorized traffic on trails, especially since many motorized vehicles don't always stay where they are supposed to.