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Comments: As an avid equestrian, I ask that you consider the safety hazard that bicycles and e-bikes pose to equestrians. Our horses evolved as prey animals at the top of the food chain, and as such can and will exhibit their natural flight instinct when frightened. Bicycles and e-bikes often trigger the horses natural flight response because the horse senses something moving upon them quickly and silently JUST LIKE A PREDATOR! Many of our Forest Service Trails were designed and built with equestrian travel as a prerequisite. I ask that you consider this historic use first and foremost simply to maintain safety on our trails. If e-bikes are allowed to mix with horse traffic there will be blood....the blood of equestrians and it will be on the hands of those that allowed the e-bikes.