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Comments: To whom it may concern,

We are an organization that supports our local national recreational area of Woods Ferry(Enoree District). As horseback riders, we also support fellow national horseback trail riders using other National parks for non motorized trails across the country. Many of us ride at other National parks across the Southeast. Current non motorized trails need to stay non motorized for the safety of hikers and horse back riders.

Bikes of any kind are dangerous to horses. Any ebike, despite the bike's classification, contains a motor. Whether a gas or an electric motor, a motor is a motor!!! They should not be allowed on non motorized trails.

Ebikers would travel at a higher rate of speed than non motorized bikes. Objects coming quickly, either towards a horse or behind a horse, will scare it and potentially cause a dangerous situation for the rider or anyone in that area. A hiker could be hit as well from someone going too fast on an ebike.

E bikes of any classification need to be limited for use on trails already allowing access to motorized vehicles. We are not denying that people should be able to use them on national trails but please keep them off of the non motorized access trails. We are concerned about the safety of hikers and horseback riders.

It's hard enough to have a non motorized bike pass you while horseback riding, I can't imagine one going even faster with a silent motor on it. Please, for a lot of people's safety, keep them off of the non motorized trails!

Thank you for your time,  
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