

Data Submitted (UTC 11): 10/26/2020 12:15:48 AM

First name: Melissa

Last name: Demsky

Organization:

Title:

Comments: I disagree that ebikes, of any class, should be allowed to be accepted on trails designated as non motorized trails. As an avid hiker/biker, the inclusion of these motorized ebikes (any class) changes our experience on the trail. These bikes come faster up trails, resulting in less reaction time to get off the trail and have the potential to substantially change the non motorized experience of existing users in a negative way. It adds a noise to the backcountry that is not natural and reduces the trail users experience who is out there to partake in a non-motorized atmosphere. It brings a larger element of mechanized experiences and opens the door for further loss of that non motorized experience. There are so few opportunities and locations to access a non-motorized experience. It is extremely unfair to take away that possibility of the experience in order to give others the ability to access a trail in a motorized fashion. There are trails out there where motorized vehicles can partake, ebikes should be limited to those trails, it still provides individuals access to the wilderness, in that motorized capacity. The rights and considerations of those who wish to experience a non motorized trail should be upheld and ebikes should only be allowed on motorized trails.