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Comments: Although I chose not to check the "I officially represent an organization", I only do so as I've not gotten "official" permission by the Treasure Valley Back Country Horsemen of Idaho chapter members, an organization (one of 16 in Idaho) which I am the president of. But, I can tell you that I do represent them as none of those who regularly attend meetings, rides, and trail clearing projects, wants to run into an e-bike on any trail. You are already mixing bikes and stock on many trails, and that is all fine and good. But, you are adding something to the mix that will: Cause more backcountry accidents (accidents involving stock or not); the number of backcountry rescues will increase, I think dramatically; and, use of e-bikes on trails will increase erosion dramatically as the flat tread will be ruined (no one can dispute that). There is not one Backcountry Horseman or other rider, or hiker, for that matter, who wants to see these bikes on a backcountry trail because of the tread issues they cause...it's like taking something that ain't broke, and adding something with the potential to ruin the experience of being in the backcountry for many, including persons who shouldn't be in the backcountry if they are truly handicapped. It's a no-brainer: Keep e-bikes out of the trails designated non-motorize, please.