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Comments: Non-motorized trails are designated as such specifically to ensure that people have opportunities to enjoy these trails free from the danger, noise, and destruction of motorized vehicles. Hikers, backpackers, mountain bikers and bikepackers, equestrians, climbers, along with many others, value these trails for the experiences they offer. Opening them to motorized use would forever mar these experiences, some of which can be life-altering in highly beneficial ways.

E-bikes, as with other motorized vehicles, should definitely be permitted to use public lands in an appropriate capacity where they are permitted and accommodated. The current trail system provides plenty of opportunity for these users without having to encroach on non-motorized use. I, along with millions of other people, implore you to find alternatives to expanding access for these types of users, so that we can all continue to enjoy the public lands we hold so dear.