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Comments: Electric bikes ("e-bikes") should continue to not be allowed on trails and roads within national parks, forests and wilderness areas. E-bikes are no different from other mechanized vehicles, including other forms of bikes, that are prohibited from national parks and the like. While electrically propelled, e-bikes are vehicles that are motorized or powered with more than human power alone. Although e-bikes could provide a benefit to visitors of the parks and wilderness areas by helping less able-bodied individuals to get around easier, the e-bikes will nonetheless cause disruption on trails and work against preservation of the wilderness. In my honest opinion, I believe that trails should only be for hiking. My own previous experiences encountering bikes on trails have been bad with obnoxious bikers taking over the trails at dangerous speeds and disregarding hikers. The presence of e-bikes in the wilderness seems like they are a step backwards, despite being a technological advance, as I believe the parks should be preserved for experiencing and observing nature for its own beauty and not the wonders of mankind.