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Comments: E-bikes do not being on hiking trails. Accessibility to rugged terrain and beautiful remote scenery isn't necessarily meant to be convenient. Much of the joy of hiking involves the struggle, inconvenience, and challenge of adventuring to some place not seen by everyone. The adventure involved is part of the satisfaction of reaching the destination. Furthermore, riding trails are meant to be somewhat equestrian friendly - i.e. wide enough to accommodate a horse and rider, with adequate headroom. Compatibility with horses and mountain bikes has already demonstrated an added risk to equestrians. E-bikes, with their motorized ability to travel up as well as downhill at greater speeds than standard bicycles simply increase their potential as an equestrian hazard. Please, for the safety of equestrians, and to maintain the integrity of the hiking trails, keep the e-bikes off of the trails.