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Comments: Horseback riders are losing more and more SAFE trails to ride on. E bikes on the trails are a direct threat to our safety because horse and rider cannot hear them approaching from behind. Horses spook when startled and the rider can be injured in these situations because the horse may leap off the trail, buck, spin or rear. E bike riders have many choices as to where they choose to ride; there are many suitable bike trails throughout the State of Washington. However, safe trails for horse and rider are limited. Furthermore, it is the horse community of riders that maintain many of the trails, ie Back Country Horsemen, not the bicyclists. Please, we already willingly share the trails with hikers and dogs, but E bikes pose a dangerous threat to horse and rider. Please continue to disallow motorized vehicles from our trails.