

Data Submitted (UTC 11): 10/26/2020 7:29:57 AM

First name: Christian

Last name: Ward

Organization:

Title:

Comments: To Whom It May Concern,

Please keep motorized and non-motorized trails separate. There can be no debate that E bikes cause more trail degradation than traditional mountain bikes. I have seen this damage first hand. E bikes are much heavier and in my observations, e bike riders love hitting the turbo boost out of every creek or wet patch. Once traditional trails get destroyed by e bikes, the mountain bikers will go somewhere else.

If you plan on categorizing e bikes by power or engine size, that wont work. They are easily modified with chips and concealed power upgrades. Also, how do you regulate it. Rangers cant go around inspecting bikes in parking lots.

Considering allowing e bikes on non motorized trails will ruin the good relationship the Forest Service has gained with mtb'ers.