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Comments: As a hiker, a cyclist and an avid backcountry horseback rider, I oppose the use of e-bikes on non-motorized trails.

Nature is best explored and experienced at a peaceful pace. When on foot or on horseback, encountering anything at speed is jarring and can detract from the experience. Unfortunately, there is already a disconnect from the biking community and often a blatant disregard for proper trail etiquette. As a society, we are "too many generations off the farm" for most people to understand that horses are indeed flight animals. On a side note- I would love to volunteer to help educate trail users about the nature of horses.

I strongly urge you to reconsider adding or approving the use of e-bikes to these shared, non-motorized trails. Please keep nature a place where we can disconnect from the rigorous, frantic pace of our society; a place to unwind, slow down and rediscover the rhythm of our natural environment.

Thank you.