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Comments: To whom it may concern,

I've greatly appreciated riding the beautiful trails both by horseback and hiking for over 20 years in Virginia and across the country. I also am a member of the BCHA, Back Country Horseman's Association, volunteering my time and energy to help clean the trails construct and raise money for maintenance crossings, signage and preservation of our lovely forest and trails! I am greatly concerned with this new movement to allow motorized e bikes onto the trails! Why in the world would we want or allow anything motorized on the trails? This will greatly increase the traffic, the wear, the abuse, the injuries especially to our equine participants! Fast moving objects are already an acting predator concern but add a motor sound more speed and then double the potential hazards. Mixing both the environmental wear and collateral damage of this new risk this new e bike brings, I certainly don't see the potential inherent liability as worth assuming.fir our parks! I'd say stay far away from this e bike and the new risk it brings along with it. I'd beg of your reconsidering this idea. You're going to have other new types of motorists pushing for their usage of these products as they are developing if, they are allowed. I'd plead, don't open Pandora's box! Keep the trails closest to nature, as originally intended...for feet! Please, no e bikes!