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Comments: I think this says it all: 77.2% of respondents agreed that 'an e-bike's speed and acceleration are exciting.'

68.5% agreed that 'on my e-bike, I feel like I go faster than other cyclists.'

81.6% agreed that 'on average, I ride faster than I would on a standard bicycle.'

Because e-bikes are surprisingly quiet, this combination of speed (Class III e-bikes can accelerate up to almost 30 mph unassisted) and silence endanger traditional non-motorized trail users, especially hikers, who typically average 2-3 mph, and equestrians, because horses tend to spook extremely easily. Many non-motorized trails are more remote and inaccessible than motorized trails and roads. If non-motorized trails are re-classified as e-bike trails, it is likely that Search & Rescue (SAR) calls will increase, and that more trail users will be injured more severely and more frequently.

As a member of Back Country Horsemen of America I cannot fathom why e-bikes should be allowed into the wilderness on hairpin trails. Horses walk over fallen trees. What will the e-bikers do?