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To Whom It May Concern:

I am deeply concerned at the consideration of permitting e-bikes on trails. As an avid equestrian, it can be difficult and dangerous sharing trails with mountain bikers. However, I do believe that it's important to allow multi-use recreation. With this being said, I am opposed to the use of e-bikes. Many parks are already crowded in parking lots and on the actual trails. A lot of bikers do not respect parking that is designated for horse trailers and leave no room. I have also been in situations where bikers do not respect the rules around horses and it has created dangerous situations where I've almost been thrown off of a very solid horse when a bicycle came zooming out of nowhere without yielding. This can be dangerous for many reasons, which includes the difficulty for First Responders reaching horses and riders should an injury occur. E-bikes are indeed motorized vehicles. I believe that opening parks to motorized vehicles will increase the budget requirements for trail maintenance to keep them in good condition and the allowance of doing so will result in poor quality trails from overuse with no budget for care. Furthermore, the intent in having public lands is to preserve for enjoyment and for the preservation of wildlife habitat. Opening the door to any type of motorized vehicle sets a precedent for additional types of motorized vehicles going forward. There are presently many ways to sustainably enjoy Public lands and I see more negative impacts for allowing e-bikes than positive. Please preserve our lands, wildlife, and users by voting against e-bikes. Thank you.