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Comments: I build trails and do trail maintenance for an agency. I am speaking as a private person with this experience only. I do not speak for any agency.

Wheeled vehicles/conveyances are already problematic by their very nature because the imprint they leave creates the perfect channel for water to travel, and the greater the slope, the worse the damage.

Increasing the speed and power of wheeled vehicles/conveyances allowed on trails will obviously add to the damage, and will create damage faster.

Allowing such vehicles/conveyances will also be attractive to additional users, increasing impact.

Allowing such vehicles/conveyances will increase their reach into wilderness and sensitive areas when fitness becomes less of a requirement.

Clearly, allowing wheeled vehicles/conveyances with a motor or engine will obviously increase the need for repairs and maintenance at a time when most agencies already cannot maintain their trails in a timely fashion.

All of these negative impacts are cumulative unless completely (100%) mitigated.

The preponderance of negative impacts makes it clear that no agency should be adding e-bikes to allowed usages until the day comes when regular trail maintenance that completely mitigates the negative impacts is achieved.

Thank you.