

Data Submitted (UTC 11): 10/26/2020 2:42:14 PM

First name: Joyce

Last name: Kelley

Organization:

Title:

Comments: I have ridden in the mountains (horseback) since the late 1980's. As time has evolved we share the trails with a lot more hikers and bikers. Overall interactions with other users have been positive about sharing the trails. Unfortunately no matter how well our horses are trained, blind corners with fast moving bikers or runners make the odds of a horse reaction probable. Horseback riders are giving up trails close to heavily populated areas so we don't have to worry about so many interactions with other users. Now as we travel farther to ride less used trails, yet another faster moving bike may now affect our trail use experiences. Trail erosion has long been blamed on the horses yet we don't skid around trail corners or slam on our brakes digging more dirt out of the trails. Add more speed to that with an ebike and more damage to trails.

Why must designations change with every new technology. Some trails are for people needing easy access and terrain and some offer a greater degree of difficulty. There are easy slopes and expert ski slopes. Some people will never see those expert areas. There are easy snow mobile areas and more difficult. Every trail may not be accessible to everyone in every trail use discipline.

Leave non motorized trails just that so there can be that use designation for those who want that experience. Let motors be on motorized trails. Trails need those differences. I'd like my daughter and her children to have that designation for years to come.