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Comments: I do not support opening up public lands to e-bikes. I have seen the extent to which our local mountain bike trails have been damaged by them. I would hate to see this happen to our beautiful public lands. I see two reasons for the heavier impact of these motorized vehicles:

1) They allow riders to go much further than they otherwise could have, thus increasing mileage wear.

2) Of greater concern, they also allow riders to take heavy, down-hill oriented bikes up hills they could not have earlier, thus massively increasing trail damage from aggressive downhill-style riding.

If exceptions are to be made for the physically handicapped or the aged, perhaps a handicap placard or doctor-signed permit could be considered.

Thanks you for your conscientious protection of our wildlands.