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Comments: I am a longtime resident of Gunnison County and lifetime resident of Colorado. I am an avid mountain biker but also like to hike and backpack. I am the owner of a mountain bike guidebook business and have taught mountain biking classes for many years.

Colorado has exploded in visitor and local uses of the forest, national park, and BLM lands. It is hard to get a quiet moment out on the trails (or off while hiking) these days, and I find that really disturbing. The whole world is speeding up and I believe it is a detriment to all of us and to wildlife.

Ebikes are just another way to speed up. This past summer I saw quite a few ebikes illegally riding nonmotorized singletrack, and they sped up to us and by us quickly. For this reason I think they should only be allowed on trails already designated for motorized. We need somewhere to move human pace!

I also believe adding more user groups and especially motorized users makes every trail more congested and less desirable. Also the more users the more wildlife gets pushed farther into the backcountry. A good example of this being bad is the waning herds of elk in the Durango area. Too many people out there makes it harder for wildlife. And as more users go onto trails, more people go off trail looking for a quiet experience, pushing wildlife farther.

Ebikes are motorized and only belong on motorized trails on the forest. We worked long and hard here in Gunnison County to get some nonmotorized trails and they need to stay nonmotorized.

Thank you for taking my comment, Holly Annala