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Comments: I appreciate the sentiment of making trails more accessible to a wider range of users, however I strongly oppose the allowance of ebikes on trails that are currently not designated for motorized use. Firstly, these trails already undergo a significant amount of use by equestrian, foot, and non-motorized bike traffic. The ease of ebikes to cover ground quickly will allow for much heavier use and destruction of these trails. Secondly, the speed of ebikes on some of these trails is a hazard due to both noise and speed distraction. Even on a regular, non-motorized mountain bike, one must use significant caution to avoid collision with other trail users in some areas. Lastly and most importantly to me personally, these trails are a way to connect with the outdoors. If we start allowing motorized use on trails, there will be little place for people who want to truly enjoy nature to go. Motorized use should be relegated to roads and paved or more in-community trails. Please keep NFS, backcountry, and singletrack to non-motorized usage.