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Comments: Dear USFS,

Thank you for giving the public the opportunity to comment on the inclusion of e-bikes on hiking and equestrian trails. BCHSC and I stand firmly against this proposal. Ebikes have the potential to travel much faster than a normal mountain bike and the safety concerns are great. I have had the occasion of going around a blind curve and had a mountain biker meet me while traveling very fast. Luckily for all involved, my horse does not spook at bikes, but if she had, not only could the rider have been injured and that biker may have possibly been trampled. BCHSC is in full support of multi-use trails but not of motorized bikes on equestrian and hiking trails.