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Comments: As someone who has done a lot of hiking on trails from California to Vermont, from Montana to Big Bend I have noticed that bicycles have a tendency to seriously degrade trails by creating ruts that catch water and channel it, causing erosion. I am certain that electric bicycles would only exacerbate this issue, causing destruction on trails rendering them less safe and less useful. The nature of trails is such that this type of damage is very difficult or even impossible to repair, given the fact that materials would have to be hauled in.

Allowing electric bikes on trails would be a terrible idea, destroying trails and creating a safety hazard for others using the trails.