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Comments: Dear Forest Service,

As a hiker, I would please request that you not allow electric bikes on trails that have traditionally not allowed them

The E-bikes go faster and further than regular bikes, and therefore will impact much more land than either regular bikes or people hiking.

There are already plenty of trails for this method of recreation, and it is wrong to take away the quietness and pristine quality that currently exists.

There is sure to be more deterioration of trails, as the bikes travel over, often delicate terrain. I have seen a number of bike riders cut across non-trail areas in the name of speed and excitement (and because they are either ignorant of, or don't care about, the need to stay on trails rather than take a short-cut).

Wild animals, plants and riparian areas will suffer must more than they already do, with the addition of e-bikes. Please do not allow e-bikes on these trails.

Thank you, Arleen Richter