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Comments: I am completely against motorized e-bikes being permitted on non-motorized trails, and they should not compete with hikers, mountain bikers, and other recreational users in places where motors do not belong. Any vehicle with an electric motor, such as an e-bike, is a motorized vehicle and should be treated as such. As noted, e-bikes fall into this category of being motorized, just as a dirt bike would be treated as such. A motorized method of transportation should be considered if any of the following are applicable: electronic, nuclear, pneumatic, steam, internal combustion, or anything that isn't 100% fueled by human power. However, I think anyone who particularly needs accessibility rights through a disability should be allowed a permit to use an e-bike in these areas, but otherwise, there is no need to incorporate these motorized vehicles for transportation into areas that are non-motorized. Please do not allow these e-bikes to whizz around areas that are off-limits to noisy motors, because doing so would deplete opportunities for solitude for those of us who are willing to hike or manually bike into backcountry places, and also would allow further human intrusion into wild places with less effort. Thank you for taking the time to consider my comment.