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Comments: Hello,

I am writing to comment on the Rattlesnake revision. As you are aware, there is some confusion on the public's part over what the term "motorized" means for the main corridor of the recreation area. If, what you mean by that term, is allowing maintenance vehicles through the gate to do their work then I have no objection to that. If, you have any intention to allow e-bikes anywhere in the Rattlesnake Recreation Area I am strongly opposed to that! I am an avid mountain biker myself and ride in both the Rattlesnake and the Woods Gulch area at least three times a week all year long. As it stands now, e-bikes are presumably prohibited all both of those areas. Even though they are not allowed, I have encountered a number of e-bikes in the last few years on the trails within the Rattlesnake. I'm quite sure that if you make the change to allow e-bikes on the main corridor of the Rattlesnake, there are many e-bikes users that will break the rules and start riding on the many trails as well. If you are looking at allowing e-bikes anywhere in the Missoula valley I would recommend the Blue Mountain area since there are already motorized trails there. The Rattlesnake should be left a no e-bike area.

As a complete aside, can you please step up enforcement of the Rattlesnake? Between the occasional renegade e-biker and the MANY dog owners who either don't think that the leash laws pertain to them or bring their dog into the no dogs allowed areas (Sawmill Gulch) it's gotten way out of hand. Thanks!