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Comments: I am strongly opposed to ebike use in the designated forest areas. There are countless reasons ebikes are a bad idea in terms of trail erosion, overuse by more people, etc. But I want to focus on the danger to the e-bikers themselves. I am a lifelong rider who has been on mountain bikes since 1990. Through just bad luck, I broke my back in Phillips Canyon a year ago and only survived because TCSAR came to rescue me. Making it easier for inexperienced riders to get to out of the way places puts them at great risk and thereby the rescue folk and other trail users. E bikes just make it too easy for less experienced or out of shape folk to get themselves in trouble.

I also want to address the disability access canard. No one is prohibiting disabled people, or anyone, from accessing these trails. Many of them were once hiking trails and it is still quite permissible for folk to walk out there or use other modes of transport. This argument is just a trojan horse to allow all to use ebikes rather than a serious need for disabled people to access this small amount of trail they are welcome to go to without ebikes. I hope you continue the wise policy to not allow ebikes on these challenging trails.