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Greetings,

The purpose of this letter is to submit comments on the backyard plan regarding proposed eBike usage.

The increase of traffic on the rec path from e bike rentals has been problematic.

Visitors who are inexperienced cyclists and who would not otherwise consider cycling suddenly find themselves on the recpath.

These users are uneducated on safe passing and resting procedures. They often pass on uphill curves, endangering oncoming traffic. Frequently these users stop and obstruct the trail by not pulling off of it.

With this in mind, a mechanism for rental shop accountability to educate users is needed. This could look similar to the 5 minute orientation video tubing hill users are required to view before getting their tubes.

Regarding local users, a permit system to allow for elderly riders on class 2 pedal assist bikes on the rec path could work.

For soft surface usage, including winter, a permit system could also minimize negative impacts. Again, it is user education that is needed to ensure sustainable use of trails by eBikes.

Allowing eBikes does not have to be an all or nothing question. They have their place. When introduced to trails with proper awareness, they could potentially be a compatible use.

Thank you,

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