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Comments: Class 1, Pedal-assist E-bikes on Select Trails #66475

I am writing to express my objection to the above project:

I previously submitted an email regarding my many concerns with having E-bikes on designate mountain bike trails.

As someone who has spent decades riding Central Oregon trails I can say that this will result in making the trails significantly more unsafe for all riders. To give someone the ability to go up to 20 mph on a single-track trail will result in many more dangerous interactions between riders meeting on the trails. I for one have had some close calls over the years with non-motorized bikers coming at me on a trail at excess speed and not handling the bike safely. To give people motors will make the situation much worse.

The trails are already being loved to death on any given summer day, as is evidenced by the full parking lot at Phil's trailhead. Trail erosion and degradation is a real concern now, and will only get worse as E-bikes with their extra power will accelerate erosion.

I believe it is important to keep such a popular mountain bike trail system maintained for human powered riding. Allowing any type of E-bike takes away from what makes mountain biking a unique human powered exercise and activity.

There are many other alternative for E-bike riding in Central Oregon. There is an abundance of gravel roads and abandon logging roads that are open to pedal assist E-bikes.

I hope you will reconsider the decision to allow E-bikes on mountain bike trails. Please preserve one of the activities and trail systems that is a jewel of Central Oregon

Sincerely,

Dave Magness