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To our valued partners and land managers,

On behalf of the Roaring Fork Valley Horse Council (RFVHC), we are reaching out to our partners and land managers to voice our opposition to e-bike use on public lands.

The growing popularity of e-bikes is a clear threat to all other trail users.

- *The speed differential between human powered bicycles and new motorized e-bikes spells danger on all the public trails in our vicinity and beyond.*
- *Add to this, the means to modify the e-bikes mechanism for increased speed, and the fact that the bike manufacturers now disguise the motorized machine to appear as a standard mountain bike.*
- *There is a problem on all “managed” trails as the lack of enforcement of trail user regulations is due to declining land manager budgets.*
- *Potential users must stop pretending e-bikes are not a motorized means of travel which threatens all vulnerable travelers as much as any motorcycle plus the added danger of silent approach. Equestrians have the highest risk of injury.*
- *E-bike use reduces any hope of maintaining a peaceful and safe trail experience for equestrians. This threat includes hikers and any slow-moving trail users as well as wildlife.*

We hope e-bikes will be excluded from all trails designated as non-motorized, for the safety of all users - hikers, horsemen, bikers as well as wildlife and nature lovers.

Here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=60ltKbjd5bl> is a complimentary Back Country Horsemen of America’s webinar that provides excellent context.

Respectfully Yours,

The RFVHC Board of Directors

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