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I write to implore the MMWD to maintain its current ban on e-bikes within the district. PLEASE do not allow e-bikes. The mountain bikes are bad enough, and indeed, should be banned. The Phoenix Lake area is like a motocross; dangerous to walk because the speed limits are not enforced and it is like a freeway. If mountain bikes were banned, there also would not be the problem associated with illegal use of single track trails.

Considering allowing some e-bikes and not others is a joke. The manufacturers are all over this one already. They are producing e-mountain bikes that are indistinguishable from regular mountain bikes – they even use the term “stealth.”

When I saw my first snake run over by a mountain bike in the 1980s (at Phoenix Lake), it was obvious that increasing bike traffic was going to have an adverse effect on wildlife. Allowing e-bikes will result in an explosion of users, and a corresponding increase in wildlife deaths and the illegal use of single track trails.

Phoenix Lake used to be a fantastic place to hike. Now, with mountain biking and dog walking advertised on the internet it has become a freeway and an open toilet for pet dogs. Really sad. Please don't make the situation worse by allowing e-bikes. It will be a disaster visited upon an existing disaster.

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