

July 7, 2021

Patricia Kalleser
Park Superintendent
D&R Canal State Park
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Princeton, NJ 08540

Dear Ms. Kalleser,

RE: Electric Bikes on the Canal Path

We are writing about the increased use of electric bikes on the D&R Canal path in Hunterdon County. The Lower Delaware Wild & Scenic River Steering Committee discussed the matter at their June meeting. We understand you are aware of the issue.

NJ State Parks, and in particular the D&R Canal State Park, has been met with extreme challenges during the pandemic. We are sorry that the increased use of Class 3 electric bikes adds to the public safety matters your staff is faced with each day in order to protect park patrons. Please let us know if there is any way we can help.

This comes at an interesting time as the Lower Delaware is completing a river use recreation study. See the interim report at <https://www.lowerdelawarewildandscenic.org/index.php/resources/presentations/river-use-interim-report-from-june-2021>. We expect the final report to be published before the end of the month.

D&R Canal State Park staff are a valuable part of the Lower Delaware. Thank you for all you do to help protect the Wild & Scenic corridor. Please keep in touch about this issue or other matters impacting public recreation and the River.

For your information, the next virtual meeting of the Lower Delaware (<https://www.lowerdelawarewildandscenic.org/>) will be on Thursday, September 23 at 10:00 AM.

Sincerely,
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