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US Forest Service
Proposed Guidance to Manage E-Bike Use on
National Forests and Grasslands

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Dear Ms. Wu,

The staff of the Wyoming Game and Fish Department (Department) has reviewed the Proposed Guidance to Manage E-Bike Use on National Forests and Grasslands. We offer the following comments for your consideration.

The use of e-bikes in Wyoming is an important consideration for the Department particularly as it pertains to access for hunting on lands across the state, protection of habitat, and use on the Department's Wildlife Habitat Management Areas (WHMAs). We support the U.S. Forest Service in taking steps to manage this form of motorized recreation. We recommend e-bikes are a form of use specifically recognized and analyzed in ongoing and future travel management planning efforts on individual forests and grasslands. Additionally, given concerns regarding potential impacts to wildlife and habitat resources, we recommend the use of all three classes of e-bikes on national forests and grasslands is limited to existing, motorized trails.

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Thank you for the opportunity to comment. If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at (307) 777-4587.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amanda Losch". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent than the last.

Amanda Losch
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