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Subject: Shadow Mountain Area- Jackson Ranger District Comments- E-Bike Policy
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To:

Jackson Ranger District, Bridger-Teton National Forest

Re: E-Bike Use Designation on Select Jackson Area Trails # 64890

My comments are as follows:

I have lived, worked & currently I am a full time resident living at Lost Creek Ranch 8815 East Timber Lane Moose WY 83012. This is my seventh decade living in the shadow of Shadow Mountain.

Since the introduction of motorized recreational vehicles- ATVs- I have witnessed a severe decline in wildlife in the area... Moose, wolves, owls, mountain lions among other species. I have watched wildlife distressed by these vehicles - running away from

the noise, dust & associated with these vehicles - dislocated permanently from the area. Wildlife moves 24-7 between the GTNP & the Forest. The vehicles impact adversely both Federal jurisdictions. Trailer parking both private & permitted commercial ATVs & associated user traffic create unwarranted intrusions everywhere.

I have commented on these severe adverse outcomes both in writing & in person at appropriate times during policy/planning comment periods in years past.

All of the above commentary informs my opinion that e-bike introduction on trails will obliterate any notion that the preservation & wildlife conservation objectives are taken seriously by the National Forest.

It is disappointing that the local recreational motorized bike & ATV lobby is back pushing for unwarranted trail access in the Shadow Mountain Area that will further contaminate the Shadow Mountain environment. Evidently their human powered products aren't enough & they require the growth of another market sector.

These products should be utilized elsewhere rather than destroy our area.

I oppose both the e-bikes & ATVs being permitted on trails in the area between Moran & Gros Ventre contiguous with GTNP - & at a significant depth eastward.

I've witnessed the deterioration & the damage may be irreversible if you continue to expand these proposed trail uses by motorized recreational vehicles.

Regards,

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