

## **LOST CREEK RANCH HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION**

**To: Jackson Ranger District**

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

Adjacent to Lost Creek Guest Ranch are 17 households, many of whom have resided here since the 1980's. Although legally distinct from the Ranch, we operate together on our infrastructure, including significant work on fire mitigation aligned with and supported by the Forest. We also are proud supporters of Friends of the Bridger Teton. Founding members 1 and 2 are residents and other homeowners, have contributed significantly to Shadow Mountain improvements, including camp site infrastructure, and volunteer host costs.

Most residents have lived here for decades. Although this is an anecdotal observation, Shadow Mountain was a quiet sanctuary for many animals, which would be apparent on hiking or horseback riding. With the introduction of motorized OHVs several years ago, wildlife presence has diminished significantly. In addition, the mechanized disturbance has resulted in the reduction of horseback riding and hiking on most areas of Shadow by residents and we have seen an increase in accidents to those riding motorized vehicles.

We are writing in strong support of the Response issued by Lost Creek Guest Ranch, LLC. We are aligned with all comments in their response letter. Accordingly, we oppose the proposed use designation, and especially any additional trails that would increase motorized vehicle use on Shadow Mountain.

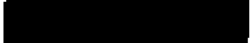
Respectfully yours,

The Board of Directors of Lost Creek Ranch Homeowner's Association, as represented by:

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