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Comments: Firstly, I'd like to thank the USFS for classifying all three classes of e-bikes as motorized. Both ebikes and non-motorized mountain bikes are too fast for non-motorized trails that are not designated for mountain biking. These trails are used by hikers and wild animals, which move much slower. These trails are often set in wildlife habitat because they go deeper into wild country. We need to slow down the activities in wildlife habitat to preserve what we have. Fast bikes have been shown to fragment wildlife habitat. We see this clearly on Teton Pass in the Bridger-Teton National Forest, where lands once rich with elk and deer are now completely devoid of these species. Please continue to manage all e-bike use under the 2005 Travel Management Rule, and undergo NEPA analyses for any non-motorized trails designated for e-bike use in the future.