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Comments: I endorse the unfettered use of e-bikes on all non-motorized Bridger-Teton Forest Service trails currently open to the public. As an avid bicyclist I enjoy using the National Forest trails through hiking, hunting, fishing, camping, and cycling. I think the blanket orders by Bridger-Teton National Forest straight up banning the use of e-bikes from all non-motorized trails is an atrocious rule and one that is a cop out as, in my opinion, it avoids dealing with the realities brought through the advent of e-bikes.

In my opinion Bridger-Teton is in effect treating all e-bikes like the loud petro-fueled motorcycles which can certainly destroy trails with ease by 'roosting' the rear wheel etc. For your consideration of how to address different types of e-bikes (there are several different classes of e-bikes), I urge you to review the policies enacted by the Forest Service around the North Lake Tahoe National Forests. Anything will be better than the blanket rule banning all e-bikes on non-motorized trails currently enacted in Bridger Teton.

E-bikes do not make noise, do not leave petro-fuel smell in their wake, nor do they tear up trails. E-bikes do allow people to explore trails that they may not otherwise be able to access on analog bikes (due to fitness level) while also allowing the populations to enjoy the mass of trails available.

I endorse the use of e-bikes on all non-motorized trails in Bridger-Teton Forest and urge you to adopt a rule that allows their use on all of these public trails.