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Comments: On the subject of eBikes: they function like a bike, the electric peddle assist has little in common with an internal combustion engine on a motorcycle. EBikes should be grouped with regular bikes for trail usage. They are quiet, they give the rider a workout and the trail impact is identical to that if a regular bike. Uphill they go 1-3mph faster than a regular bike, downhill they are identical to mountain bikes. I would encourage anyone deciding where they are appropriate to use, to go ride one before they make a knee jerk decision based on the fact that they contain a small electric motor. For a 63 year old guy who has ridden mountain bikes most of his life, jumping on an eBike opens up trails that I haven't ridden in years. It levels the group dynamics where I can ride with guys in their 20-30s and all of us have fun. Most importantly, I find I can get back into areas I didn't think I could access without riding my motorcycle...which is also fun. We bought eBikes this year...I can honestly say it was a game changer. We ride 2-4 days a week...mostly on the eBikes. I'd like to see more trail selection, for example, on Teton Pass, mail cabin creek is extremely steep for a regular bike for me, but would be very rideable on a EBike. Anyway, that hopefully gives you some thoughts to use deciding the future of eBikes. Hope it doesn't distill down to "it's got a motor, it's a motorbike". Go ride one first, please!