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Comments: E-bikes are motorized bikes and the Little Missouri National Grasslands managed by the US Forest Service has trails designated for use by motorized vehicles. I support E-bike use on these trails. However I do not support E-bike use on trails or in areas designated as non-motorized. These areas are important for wildlife and non-motorized recreation. The Maah Daah Hey Trail is built for non-motorized use and should be kept as a non-motorized trail. Studies used in the E-bike discussion indicate that the bikes compact the trail no more than regular bikes but they don't mention if the individual is likely to cover more trail than the same individual would cover on a non-motorized bike. More miles means more wear and tear on the trail. Also potential speed of motorized bikes exceeds the capabilities of individuals to navigate safely around blind corners and hills on trails designated as non-motorized. Another concern is how the US Forest Service will enforce the various categories of E-Bikes on trails. That is allow use of trails by one category while prohibiting use for the other two categories. E-bikes should use motorized trails that have already been designated and keep non-motorized trails as non-motorized trails