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Comments: As a non e-bike mountain biker, I am very perplexed by opening up trails designed for non motorized use to e-bikes. Specifically the area north of Teton Pass - Arrow and phillips has an abundance of wildlife. I foresee this new use as increasing wildlife encounters and disturbance. Currently you have to work hard to get to these places and making it much easier physically will explode the access, as we have already seen. Do we want to increase usage in these sensitive areas? Additionally I foresee this degrading the experience for non motorized users constantly needing to get out of the way for the motors. I worry the trails are not built to sustain the heavier weight and explosion of use.

I like the idea of permitting, how can that be enforced? I fear it will not be and we do not have the manpower to do it.

This is a new sport and it needs a new place to operate. Just say no! I have seen so many e-bikers already not caring about the rules. Also they are young healthy people, not folks that really need the boost. E bikes are not compatible with hikers, horse, mountain bikers and wildlife.

Please say no and look for a new area for them.