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Comments: I understand the drive to be inclusive visavis recreational opportunities on the national forest, but feel strongly that E-bikes are "motorized" vehicles. I am an "elderly" woman who rides a bike and hikes on trails on in Wyoming and Idaho to stay fit, get out into nature and feel connected with the land and its inhabitants. By permitting E-bikes on the mentioned trails, the conflicts will go up--conflicts between the various users: horse riders, walkers, and cyclists. Sight-distances on many sections of the trails on Teton Pass are terrible. Even now I find myself hyper-alert to whose coming down the trail, either in front of me or behind me. I use a bell a lot. Walkers with or without dogs on those trails may begin to feel that those trails are not for them. I already know older folks who can't or won't walk on paved pathways in Teton County because of the E-bikers who race hither and thither and seem to believe it is their right to act irresponsibly. There are dirt roads and trails that allow motorized vehicles, and those are places that I as a hiker and mountain biker, avoid. I don't buy the argument that people should be able to go wherever they want. Pretty soon dirt bikes, etc. will be in the Parks and on wilderness trails. As it is, there are folks who already poach on closed areas. To be able to police E-1, E-2 and E-3 designated trails will be a nightmare and left up to the users, which creates more conflict. Even now, if I say something to a person riding an E-bike on closed trails or to an E-biker speeding on paved pathways, they act like I'm the "bad guy." I go out and do maintenance, removing vegetation that crowds the trail, picking up rocks and micro-trash when hiking.