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Comments: I am in support of Class 1 eMTB access on the proposed routes including Old Pass Road.

As a major connector to all the trails on Teton Pass, I think it makes the most sense to include Old Pass Road to eMTB access. Not including Old Pass Road negates the desire "to potentially help reduce vehicle traffic and alleviate congestion at Trail Creek Trailhead by reducing the amount of shuttling required" and increases the potential for conflicts with people riding UP downhill trails.

Additionally, Old Pass Road is part of the Greater Yellowstone Trail. For the GYT to become a viable commuter option e-bikes need to be allowed.

This issue elicits strong feelings on either side, however there is no evidence that eMTBs decrease public safety or that the impact of eMTBs is any different than a traditional mountain bike. Most people aren't even aware of trails being shared with eMTB riders.

The benefits, on the other hand, are numerous. EMTBs allow increased access to the outdoors for riders or varying skill levels. As a community focused on doing right by the environment, eMTBs address the challenges of local air quality, climate change, obesity, and lack of physical activity. EMTBs can reduce greenhouse gas emissions and fossil fuel consumption, improve air quality, and support alternative modes of transportation. EMTBs allow people to bicycle when they would not otherwise due to physical fitness, age, disability, or inconvenience.

I applaud the BTNF for recognizing the need for allowing eMTBs on our local trails. I hope to see more trails open to eMTBs in the near future.