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Comments: I do not support e-bike use on Teton Pass trails, not now, and not in the future.. There is a small and vocal user group that seems to be pushing for this. AMPL doesnt speak for me or the majority of recreational pass users i know. We have a nice, respectful, well functioning recreation area that works for all current, diverse user groups, and more or less is low impact on the wildlife. E-bikes have motors, pedal assist or not. they don't belong on the trails we have. There are trails where motorized bikes (dirt bikes!) are allowed, and can share with e bikes.

I appreciate the argument that it makes biking easier for those who would otherwise be slower uphill or incapable of riding the pass trails. But let's take a step back here and consider what kind of argument is that. Are you going to put a tow rope up Glory for those who cant hike it, or dont want to get strong and in shape enough to get up it, but still want to ski it? Will the Grand get a gondola? How will we compensate for all of this? Its a totally inane concept!!! That is just how it is in nature, and one day we may all be there.

A lot of people aren't physically capable or doing things and they do them. Guess what? I can't climb big walls because I lack the climbing strength and skills, so, hey, I don't get to do it! And when I bike up the pass, I only get to go as fast as I am strong and fit enough for. It doesnt mean electrical motor assist bikes should go on the pass. There are many other places where e bikes and e mountain bikes can go, and I have always appreciated so much that our trails are human powered only on the pass and in town.

(And I have an e-bike. I use it...on the bike path! and pedal everywhere else.)

Lastly, it's an avenue to user conflict. I try to be considerate and treat other users and wildlife respectfully on the pass, and abide by accepted courtesies, and I find others almost always do them same. You cant to make conflict happen? You know what I would not be happy to get out of the way for? An e-bike. if one came up behind me, there is zero chance I'll be pulling over and inconveniencing myself to let a motorized cyclist pass me. They can just sit back there till the stupid battery dies. A faster human powered rider, I'll hop out of the way right away!

This is really bad idea. Please do not cave, and keep Teton Pass and other human powered trails as they are. It's a wonderful asset we have!