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Comments: I was dismayed to learn that the USFS is considering allowing ebikes on USFS on/around Teton Pass on other areas in Teton County. While I'm a bike advocate of ebikes for transportation, I feel they create conflict and damage on our trail system. Part of what makes these trails amazing is that they are human-powered and non-motorized. Allowing motorized recreation on these trails would be crossing a line that cannot be uncrossed.

I support exceptions for recreation users who have disabilities but the accessibility argument for ebikes is a false one, in my opinion. Mountain ebikes are often in the \$10-15,000 range and affordable only who have ample disposable income. Mountain bikes are expensive already and mountain ebikes take it to the next level. Their widespread use would effectively create a wealth divide where those with less resources cannot participate in the same biking experience as more affluent users.

Allowing the use of ebikes on currently non-motorized trails solves small scale problems but creates several larger ones. These include trail damage erosion due to wheels with more torque, more runs/user/day due to uphill assist, and more conflicts due to increased differences in users' speed. Once you allow ebike on Teton Pass trails, it's only a matter of time before motorized users apply enough pressure on the USFS to access other areas.

Please consider the majority of trails user who would benefit by NOT allowing ebikes and other motorized recreation on currently non-motorized trails. The e-mountain bikers want this very badly but they do not represent the common good and health of our trail system. Thank you for considering these comments.