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Comments: Electric bikes should not be allowed on Teton Pass or any other National Forest land that is not designated for motorized vehicles. These e-bikes are motorized vehicles. They are much heavier and cause more trail damage. Potential collisions with non-motorized cyclists, hikers, walkers and horses and wildlife will increase. E-bikers generally do not have good bike handling skills and will cause more collisions, be unable to handle their bike appropriately to avoid collisions. Damage from collisions will be more substantial due to the weight and speed of these motorized bicycles. E-bikes cause more trail use conflict as they attempt to pass other trail users - they often go around other trail users and do damage to adjacent trail structure and cause more erosion. There is no possible way to limit the class of e-bike that will be used - who will patrol and enforce that? There is no possible way to effectively have people license and register their e-bikes. My friends and I have already seen small motorcycles on the old pass road, Teton pass trails and on the pathways around Jackson. Opening access to one "class" of motorized vehicles will result in all sorts of motorized bikes/vehicles on the trails. There are already many trails in the area that my friends and I avoid hiking and running because the mountain bikers are out of control and rude and do not follow IMBA guidelines. I am an avid mountain biker but e-bikes will ruin our trail system. I have 3 mountain bikes - their weights range from 16 to 18 pounds. Please read about weights of electric mountain bikes. Please make the right decision for our community and our forest and disallow e-bikes on the trails - thank you.

<https://ebikegeneration.com/blogs/news/how-much-do-e-bikes-weigh-know-the-facts#:~:text=Mountain%20ebikes%20are%20expected%20to,road%20and%20on%20the%20road.>