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Comments: Thank you for allowing me to comment on your plan to consider allowing e-mountain bikes on Teton Pass' singletrack trails. As a mountain biker who uses those trails, I sincerely urge you to not allow this new, inappropriate use on those beautiful trails. I have learned to arrive very early in the morning during the busy summer season in order to enjoy the trails before they become too busy, especially on the weekends. I am concerned that this new user group will consist of a large number of inexperienced trail users with powerful, heavy, and unnaturally fast electronically assisted bicycles (that will be readily available for rent in town to anyone with a credit card and a pulse) that may endanger other trail users, damage trail tread - especially by entering corners at very high speeds that were not intended when these trails were designed and constructed, and diminish the experience for many traditional trail users who have grown to appreciate the quality of the current use levels and motorized bicycle restrictions. I cringe when I think of the day when I'm happily climbing a steep grade in low gear and begin being asked by multiple motorized users to pull over so they can effortlessly pass by me at high speed on the way up the hill on their snappy new e-mountain bike. I have no objection to the development of segregated trails that would be specifically designed for e-bike use. I simply hope that these new users are not provided with access to the existing single-track trails that were intended for non-motorized use. Thanks again for the opportunity to provide my perspective. Sincerely, Chris Finlay, Jackson, WY