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Comments: I fully support the proposal to allow pedal-assist Class 1 e-bike use on 28 miles of the existing trails currently open to humans riding mountain bikes in the Teton Pass area, and extending the season of e-bike use on Horsetail Creek Trail and trails in the Munger Mountain area.

Almost all the research to dates show that Class 1 e-bikes have very similar very low impacts to trails, wildlife and nature as traditional biking, hiking and other forms of quiet recreation does.

In general, studies show no statistically significant difference in induced soil erosion, excavation, ruts, and trail widening between hiking and biking, and both are less impactful than horse riding. On properly built and maintained trails, no measurable difference is seen between the relative impacts caused by mountain bikers vs. hikers. Impacts on wildlife are similar whether the human interaction is by hikers, bikers, or equestrians. In fact, some animals are less likely to be disturbed by bikers than other types of trail users.

In addition, research indicates that interactions between mountain bikers and other trail users rarely generate conflicts on trails.

Thank you for proposing this common sense expansion of quiet use recreation on our shared public lands.