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Comments: The Teton County non-motorized pathway system has been co-opted by electric motor bikes. In many cases, pedestrians are now afraid to share them with 20+ MPH traffic. This especially impacted older walkers, some of whom are still able to hike the close-in USFS trails. Now there will be no place safe to walk or use non-motorized bikes. As seen on the pathways, E-motor bikes will not respect classes or power limitations. Nor will they respect closed areas. The Forest Service cannot afford to enforce restrictions, so they will be universally ignored.

This is a BAD idea and should be shelved. There are hundreds of miles of roads and trails open to motors. I am 74 and cannot do the things I used to be able to do, but I don't need everything brought down to my level of performance. It would be like demanding a winch on the Exum Ridge or allowing jet skis on the Snake. Please don't do this!