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Comments: I am writing in opposition to the proposal to allow eBikes on select Jackson area trails.

eBikes enable riders to travel uphill at higher speeds and lower effort which will have a large impact on volume of riders on the trails. Although pedestrians and horses have the right of way, pedestrians and horses are required to step aside for cyclists, who may not alert others that they are approaching. Honestly when bikes are allowed on a trail it becomes too much of a hazard to hike or ride horseback on it during the busy times of the summer. I am a mountain biker myself and have lived in the Jackson area for almost 35 years. I work in health care and several of my patients who are older no longer walk on multi use trails for fear of being hit by a cyclist they cannot hear behind them.

If ebikes are allowed on trails, I feel that more walk/horse only trails will need to be designated. While this sounds fun to have more trails, it is very disturbing to the wildlife.

Please consider the word multi use, and if allowing ebikes on a trail would effectively make that trail single use. I hope there is data available from other communities for decision making on this topic.