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Comments: I am 100% in favor of making outdoor recreation opportunities (including mountain biking) more accessible for people who are differently-abled. However, I object to opening up multi-use single track trails such as Arrow and Phillips Ridge to e-bikes for all users. These two trails see as much uphill traffic on human-powered bikes as they do down-hill traffic, and having to pull over for e-bikes traveling at a much faster pace on the uphill, as well as all down-hill riders and other user groups, will likely ruin the experience for people on human-powered bikes. Why not start smaller by allowing ebikes on the Old Pass Road only in order to access the downhill trails that don't touch the wilderness study area, and then see what the impacts are in that smaller area before expanding their reach? The Old Pass Road is wide and allows multiple users to navigate around each other very easily.

I live in Wilson and enjoy riding to the trails and not having to use my car. If ebikes are allowed use of most Teton Pass trails (which is what's proposed) as well as extended use of Munger Mountain, I'm more likely to get in my car and drive my bike to Cache where I do not need to worry about pulling over all the time for ebikes on the uphill. Given all of this, I would be in favor of a permitting system where differently-abled people who would benefit from motor or pedal assist could attain a permit to ride the current trail system at all times.

Thanks for your consideration of this comment.