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Comments: I moved to Jackson over twenty years ago because of the seasons and the ability to enjoy outside recreation and activities that go along with that seasonality: alpine and cross country skiing in the winter and cycling, camping, fishing, hiking during the non-winter months.

When I am outdoors participating in any of these activities I want to get to where I am going by my own means and not with the assistance of an electric mode of transportation. If there are those people who insist on the use of motorized transportation in the backcountry then they may have the option of dirt bike trails. As the Jackson adage goes: "Earn your turns." This same syllogism should be represented on Teton Pass regarding the [dis]approval of E-bikes on the Teton Pass bike trail system.

I haven't ridden an electric bike but I have driven a moped. Remember those? There really isn't much difference between these two modes of transportation except for one: it is apparently acceptable to use E-bikes on trails meant for mountain bikes. As with anything that has more power than human leg strength, E-bikes will have an opportunity to run down & rip up the trails (think about those who disregard the early season warnings to not ride on muddy trails) laying waste to all the hard work trail workers continually maintain?

E-bikes are a new phenomenon amongst those who are less inclined to actually power a bike by body mechanics and require motorized assistance. They are a reasonable option for in town errands. But approving E-bikes for mountain bike trails is akin to approving mopeds access to the same trail system. This is unsafe. I have witnessed a local older gentleman "riding" his E-bike up Munger mountain on a mountain bike trail. He was simply struggling uphill needing to use more of the motor to gain traction. He and I spoke briefly. He recognized the fact E-bikes were not allowed on Munger (this was approximately 2 years ago) but decided it was OK and also his choice to disobey the regulations and do what he wanted.

Please do not allow E-bikes on the mountain bike trail system. E-bikes are the antithesis of what it means to get into the back country to experience the peace and tranquility of the Tetons.

I live in town and road bike to my job in Wilson every day that weather allows from May until October. My last ride to work was just last week! My point is I have seen firsthand the consequences of speeding E-bikes on the bike path and I cannot help but wonder if the same would happen on Phillips, SnoTel, or indeed on Munger again??

Please consider everyone when making this decision that will have direct impacts on the community members.