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Comments: Please do not allow e-mountain bikes on our trails.

I live just east of the Snake River Bridge. I frequently hike and bike on the trails around Teton Pass and Phillips Canyon.

These trails are currently well used by respectful users. In my experience biking over 1000 miles a year on the trails in the valley, e bikes move at excessive rates of speed and almost never announce them selves before passing . They are extremely dangerous to walkers and non e bikers. Allowing e-mountain bikes will benefit only a few users while imposing greater risks and inconvenience on most users, as well as on wildlife and on the trails themselves.

Problems e-mountain bikes will cause:

\*Uphill e-bike travel will be much faster. We already have to pay attention to the uphill direction for oncoming riders; e-mountain bikes would make us have to watch our backs as well.

\*Trails like Phillips Canyon have many flat parts. Riders of e-mountain bikes can manage 20 mph in both directions. A relative speed of 40 mph is unsafe given vegetation limiting visibility.

\*E-mountain bikes are much heavier than regular mountain bikes. This will increase downhill speeds and momentum, decrease rider control, and lengthen stopping distances, leading to greater risk of collisions and injury to other users of the trails.

\*E mountain bikes will put more stress on the trails and wildlife.

\*Conflicts with other users will increase. Do I have to let an e-mountain bike pass while I am hiking?

\*Allowing e-mountain bikes will break a long-standing prohibition of motorized vehicles on our trails. That inevitably will open the way for more mechanical ways to "improve access" and crowd out most of us who seek a natural experience.

Thank you for your consideration.