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Comments: To whom it may concern:

I am writing to oppose the use of e-bikes on Teton Pass. While I am not anti e-bike, I feel the potential impacts of e-bikes could out-weigh whatever benefits there may be by allowing them. There are already a lot of people using these trails, and allowing e-bikes most likely means more users in general. I'm concerned about congestion at trailheads, potential conflicts between users, accidents, impacts to wildlife, and the Forest Service's ability to manage and regulate this use. Teton Pass is already very popular and heavily used by locals, and it has become both a winter and summer destination for recreators from outside the area. Allowing e-bikes could make Teton Pass an even more attractive destination for e-bikers from other areas. I have had run-ins with downhill mountain bikers from outside our area who do not follow standard trail etiquette are not considerate of other users.

There are thousands of miles of Forest Service trails and roads in Wyoming and Idaho alone that are open to e-bikers and which are more appropriate for e-bike use than the trails on Teton Pass. Until the Forest Service shows how it plans to manage this additional use, I cannot support opening Teton Pass trails to e-bikes or any other motorized use.