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Comments: I'm writing to comment on the USFS proposal to allow motorized bicycles on some selected BTNF trails.

As an avid mountain biker in Teton County since the 1980s, I have experienced the vast improvement of the quality of riding made available by our trail system that was developed over the past 20-plus years. I do not believe these trails can accommodate both traditional bicycles and the new motorized bicycles in a safe and enjoyable manner because the power and speed of the motorized versions greatly outpace traditional bicycles.

For instance, trail etiquette asks users to yield to those faster cyclists who catch up from behind. If motorized cyclists are allowed, the increased numbers of riders on these much faster vehicles would create an incompatible situation with the traditional cyclists because we would spend much of our rides pulling over to let the faster, more powerful motor bikes pass.

This will surely lead to conflict, and when it inevitably does, I will no longer ride these trails. So, by allowing motorized bikes on non-motorized trails, you will cause many traditional cyclists to stop riding them. You effectively will have allowed a new group to use the trails and discouraged use by the original group whose support helped built them.

I respectfully urge you to carefully consider the original intent of these non-motorized trails before you change the rules.

Sincerely,

Wade McKoy