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Comments: Dear Forest Service Representative,

I'm writing to express my concerns regarding the introduction of motorized bicycles on the Bridger Teton National Forest trails, specifically on the Teton Pass trails.

As an avid mountain biker since the mid 1980s and frequent user of these trails, I feel it is important to address potential safety issues associated with the use of motorized bicycles on trails originally designated for non motorized use. The increased speed and weight of these bikes poses a safety concern for those of us on traditional mountain bikes. Considering the significant use of these trails by non motorized recreation enthusiasts like myself, I kindly request that areas be left in place where users can appreciate the natural environment without adding motorized bicycles. I feel it more appropriate for motorized bicycles to share trails in areas where off road motorized vehicles are currently allowed as this would ensure better alignment of speed, weight and capabilities. I've witnessed how e bikes have negatively impacted the pathways in the valley.

I kindly urge you to carefully consider these concerns when making decisions regarding the use of motorized bikes on trails where they currently are not allowed.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Holly McKoy