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Comments: I am writing to express my support for allowing e-bikes on the limited list of trails on the Bridger-Teton National Forest. Anything that expands access to trails and biking for older riders or those with disabilities, to me, fits within the goals of the forest and should be pursued, to a point. Requiring a permit and limiting access to Class 1 e-bikes is a great idea, though I believe enforcement will not be robust, given the forest's previously stated position on a lack of rangers and problems around wintertime issues on Teton Pass or campfire problems around Shadow Mountain and the Gros Ventre.

However, I still believe that e-bikes should be allowed on those trails, with an eye out for expanding access into other areas around Josie's Ridge or Cache Creek. Detractors will claim that e-bikes cause more damage, though I've not seen any strong evidence that supports that claim. Heavier and faster Class 2 or 3 e-bikes could potentially cause more damage, so the restrictions in the proposal are sound.