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Comments: I to believe that the Forest Service request for allowing e-bikes should be denied. User conflicts are one of the top reasons as well as lack of regulation. Resources stretched too thin already. This would open the door for winter use conflicts with E-snowbikes and snowmobiles. The additional power and weight of the bikes can and do erode the trails. E-bikes, with the technology moving forward will and are already hard to tell the difference between human powered bikes. E-bikes should be classified with motorized off road vehicles and use the designated trails established for them. Allowing this to be approved could result in any mechanized bike to be restricted in sensitive areas where discussions are already happening to exclude human powered bikes. Already seeing violations up at Targhee and southern valley trails with no implications for those who don't comply. Able bodied people need to use the "quads" that we were blessed with at birth.