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Comments: Thanks you for this opportunity to comment on how future technology should be studies in the plan.

I appreciate how you have to balance many needs and concerns.

Keeping wilderness in Montana is very important.

So is access for all people including those with partial or full handicaps in addition to physical issues related to aging process that is important to the elderly.

A study of how extremely popular new technology like class 1 ebikes might play into your important plan would be very important to the 61 members of the Missoula Ebike Support Group Facebook group. As you may know these bikes are pedal assist bikes that require the riders to pedal with help as needed from the small size motor/battery systems. There may be other new technologies that also need to be considered.

The plan should study and consider access for everyone including elderly who have physical handicaps or age related issues that make ebikes just an equalizer not an enhancement. The baby boomer generation is reaching maturity and we want to have full access while still respecting the nature of the bigger plan.