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Comments: Thank you for your work on this.

I've been riding Teton County and BTNF trails for 25 years, logging 500+ miles per summer on singletrack. I sincerely appreciate what stakeholders have done to our system over this time, and value our public lands.

As we move in to the motorized, externally powered bicycle era, I hope decision makers exercise extreme caution in expanding this recreation. By their own admission, emtb increases access (more riders), and expands range (more miles). Additionally, motorized torque is more likely to degrade earth paths. Together, this is an exponential formula for increased impact; of the resource and the environment: Trails will degrade quicker, wildlife will see added stress, and user conflicts will skyrocket.

That being said, I'm not an absolutist. I think the proposed network at Shadow is wise. Of course, if I were king, emtb on public land would only be allowable for the elderly and the infirm. Watching healthy 30 year olds zip up Game Creek is laughable.

In the end, motorization in places that typically only see human power is an affront to our natural resources, the human experience, and the direction we as a species should be headed.