Data Submitted (UTC 11): 2/1/2025 8:52:12 PM First name: Doug Last name: Lowham Organization: Title: Comments: I am writing in support of the original Proposed Action with additions for E bike use within the Jackson Ranger District.

My support of the Proposed Action over the Alternative and No Action options are as follows:

- Allowing E bike usage on a broader range of XC and DH trails within Teton Pass will create a viable option for riders to better alleviate illegal use elsewhere. Alternative I focused on DH trails on Teton Pass does not provide the need for a broad range of skill levels. Additionally, Shadow, Mosquito, and Swinging Bridge are generally all drive to destinations that will inhibit use and provide limited solution to preventing illegal use.

- Allowing only Type I E bikes with permitting from local bike shops as provided in the Proposed Action will assist in preventing possible usage creep and grey areas toward electronic motorcycles. Type II designated E bikes are a thin line to true motorized vehicles versus merely pedal assist.

- Developing Shadow Mtn as an additional E bike area should also be considered within the Proposed Action. Development of Shadow would be beneficial to both E bike and traditional bike use.

- Alternatively, development of the Swinging Bridge area will get little to no usage and have little impact in providing an additional riding area.

Ultimately, it is my belief that Type I pedal assist E bikes should be treated as regular bikes and allowed on all trails that are open to mountain biking. This would be the most realistic management alternative. Understanding the balance of fear, misinformation, and private/public agendas, the current Proposed Action with addition of Shadow Mountain as a destination E bike area will have the greatest impact in finding balance among multiple user groups.

Thank you for your great work in finding a path forward for this rapidly evolving issue.