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Comments: I strongly oppose the proposed action that would allow the summer use of Class 1 e-bikes on 27.5 miles of existing non-motorized trails in the Teton Pass area, and extend the season for e-bike use on Horsetail Creek Trail and trails in the Munger Mountain area. Mountain bike trails, like those in these areas, are specifically designed for non-motorized use, and allowing e-bikes-especially Class 1 models-would undermine the original purpose of these trails.

The introduction of e-bikes, particularly in areas that are managed for non-motorized recreation, would negatively impact the trail experience for traditional cyclists, hikers, and other non-motorized users. E-bikes can contribute to increased trail wear, faster speeds, and safety concerns, as they present a significant difference in experience compared to non-motorized bikes. Additionally, while Class 2 and 3 e-bikes are proposed to be managed as motorcycles, allowing Class 1 e-bikes on trails that were intended for non-motorized use could set a concerning precedent for further motorized intrusion into these spaces.

I support no action and urge the Jackson Ranger District to maintain the integrity of non-motorized trail systems. E-bike use should be confined to areas already designated for motorized use, rather than encroaching on trails that are meant to be enjoyed by non-motorized recreationists seeking a peaceful outdoor experience.

Thank you for your time and consideration.