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Comments: Thank you for taking action on E mountain bikes in the Bridger - Teton National Forest. I feel that E mountain bikes should be allowed on ALL trails where mountain bikes are permitted. This is the eventuality, legal or not, and the only option that can be managed with any success.

At a minimum, the Proposed Action with additions for E bike use within the Jackson Ranger District is the best existing option. 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, focusing use 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.

Again, 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. Since this is not a current option, 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.