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Comments: I started on this process 2 years ago and it's great to see some progress made. It seems like there is still confusion about what a class 1 ebike is and a ton of misinformation regarding how electric mountain bikes work. I hope we can finally come to a solution that works for everybody. Below I've laid out some points that The Hub supports, a combination of the original proposal and alternative 1.

Trail Access: We support a combination of the original proposal and Alternative 1, but advocate for expanding eMTB access to more existing trails in the future. This should not be the end goal, only the beginning of eMTB access on our National forest trails.

New Trail Construction: While the new trail construction in Alternative 1 is welcomed, it is not enough to meet the purpose and need outlined in the original proposal. More trail miles for various users are needed.

Munger Mountain and Horsetail Areas: A June 15-October 31 season for eMTBs in these areas would be a middle ground to mitigate wildlife conflict while allowing a longer riding season than alternative 1. We support an early season date that is sensitive to Elk calving season, especially on Munger Mountain, but fail to see why the season needs to be cut short in the fall.

Teton Pass: We support the original proposal for Teton Pass trails. The exclusion of the Arrow Trail, Philips Ridge, and Phillips Canyon in Alternative 1 lacks research-based reasoning. These are the only current trails that meet the need of ALL Ebikers, not just the most advanced.

Shadow Mountain: We support the addition of a new climbing trail and the adoption of the existing downhill trail, and believe this is the perfect area for new trail development, however the limited expansion proposed in alternative 1 is not enough to meet the purpose and need statement.

eMTB Classifications: We have concern about allowing Class 2 and 3 eBikes on all trails, and prefer to limit access to Class 1 eBikes due to enforcement concerns. Pedal assist vs. throttle should be an easy call for a LEO to make. Once you open it up to throttle bikes, there are countless overpowered throttle bikes that look just like a class 2 but are would only be appropriate on a dirt bike trail. Class 1 electric mountain bikes are the only thing sold in local shops that are appropriate for these trails, and that isn't changing any time soon.