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Comments: I am writing to support multi-use recreation access in the revised Bridger-Teton National Forest Plan.

My Key Requests:

Preserve Multi-Use Trails: Please maintain and expand trail access for mountain biking, dirt biking, snowmobiling, hiking, and other responsible recreation activities. These 3.4 million acres belong to all Americans.

Allow E-Mountain Bikes: E-bikes travel at similar speeds to regular mountain bikes and should be allowed on the same trails. The technology shouldn't matter - the impact is what counts.

Use Reasonable Seasonal Closures: Base wildlife closures on science, not precaution. Many current restrictions seem overly broad and unnecessarily limit access.

Support Trail Maintenance: Work with volunteer groups and user organizations that donate thousands of hours maintaining trails. They're your best partners in keeping trails sustainable.

Promote Cooperation: Most user conflicts come from poor etiquette, not incompatible uses. Focus on education rather than separating user groups.

Why This Matters

Recreation has grown dramatically since the 1990 Forest Plan, and the new plan must reflect this reality. Our public lands should welcome responsible recreationists while protecting natural resources. The Forest Service's mission includes providing for outdoor recreation alongside conservation.

As someone who enjoys multiple forms of recreation in the Bridger-Teton, I've seen how different user groups can successfully share trails when there's mutual respect and good management.

Please prioritize multi-use access in the new Forest Plan. These are our public lands, and they should remain open to all responsible users.

Thank you for considering my comments.