To: Helena Open Lands Management Advisory Committee

From: Kristi Ponozzo, City of Helena Parks, Recreation and Open Lands Director

**Subject:** E-bike policy recommendations

## **HOLMAC:**

The City of Helena adopted an updated <u>Recreation Chapter</u> to our Helena Open Lands Management Plan in June of this year.

Section 1.2d under Community access and use states: Work with other land management agencies to develop consistent or complementary policies on e-bikes and other future user demands.

The Parks Department would like to start exploring potential Helena Open Lands policy options regarding e-bike use.

We would like to ask HOLMAC to assist us in the beginning phases of this effort by providing us potential alternatives to consider that the Parks Department would ultimately bring forward through a public process.

HOLMAC may want to research and consider other policies adopted by other municipalities and land management agencies including but not limited to the United States Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management. HOLMAC may want to consider different types of e-bike technologies and the implications of those and how they are integrated into alternatives and potential policy recommendations.

We request draft alternatives and recommendations by March of 2021. The Parks department will review and then bring appropriate alternatives and recommendations forward through a public process.