

# Filing as an Interested Person in the Land Management Plan Objection Phase

## Interested Person Request

I would like to participate as an interested person in the objection resolution discussions for one or more of the identified objection issues for the Custer Gallatin National Forest 2020 Land Management Plan or the regional forester's list of species of conservation concern (SCC).

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**Name of lead interested person (if more than one):** Susan W Newell

**I am interested in participating in any resolution discussions between the objector(s) and the reviewing official for the following objection issues:**

*Recommended Wilderness designations in the Pryor Mountains.*

*Motorized and/or mechanized recreation suitability determinations in recommended wilderness and backcountry areas in the Pryors*

**Please provide a brief explanation of your interest in the objection(s) and any specific concern(s), including a description of your support or opposition to the objection(s):**

*We object to designation of the Big Pryor and Punch Bowl areas as Backcountry Areas instead of Recommended Wilderness. We also object to mountain bike and motorized use in these special areas.*

*A new and compelling reason for our concern is the notice published in the Federal Register last week (Thursday 9/24/2020) announcing an intent to permit and "promote" electric motorcycles (e-bikes) on non-motorized trails wherever mountain bikes are permitted. It is Orwellian "newspeak" to claim that electric motors are not motors. And it is unconscionable to permit motorcycles in these areas. (See Federal Register notice on next page.)*

**Please identify when you commented during the planning process (scoping, draft EIS, and/or final EIS):**

*We have each sent comment letters during previous comment periods (February 2018 and June 2019), and recently submitted an Objection (9/7/2020). If our Objection is considered "eligible" this filing as "interested persons" may be redundant.*

**Signature:** Susan W Newell

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Done at Washington, DC.

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Administrator.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Forest Service Manual 7700 Travel Management; Chapter 7700, Zero Code; Chapter 7710 Travel Planning

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, Agriculture (USDA).

**ACTION:** Notice of availability for public comment.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Forest Service, is proposing to revise its directives to update and clarify guidance on management of electric bicycle (e-bike) use on National Forest System (NFS) lands. E-bikes have become increasingly popular nationwide among outdoor recreationists on NFS and other federal

lands. E-bikes expand recreational opportunities for many people, particularly the elderly and disabled, enabling them to enjoy the outdoors and associated health benefits. Currently e-bike use is not allowed on NFS roads, on NFS trails, and in areas on NFS lands that are not designated for motor vehicle use. To promote designation of NFS roads, NFS trails, and areas on NFS lands for e-bike use, the proposed revisions include new definitions for an e-bike and a Class 1, Class 2, and Class 3 e-bike, as well as guidance and criteria for designating e-bike use on NFS roads, on NFS trails, and in areas on NFS lands.

**DATES:** Comments must be received in writing by October 26, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be submitted electronically to <https://cara.ecosystem-management.org/Public/ReadingRoom?project=ORMS-2619>. Written comments may be mailed to Director, Recreation Staff, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250-1124. All timely received comments, including names and addresses, will be placed in the record and will be available for public inspection and copying. The public may inspect comments received at <https://cara.ecosystem-management.org/Public/CommentInput?project=ORMS-2619>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Penny Wu, Recreation Staff, [penny.wu@usda.gov](mailto:penny.wu@usda.gov), (303) 275-5168. Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf may call the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339 between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Over 27 States have adopted a standard definition for an e-bike and a three-tiered classification system for e-bikes. Additionally, the United States Department of the Interior (DOI) recently issued proposed e-bike rules for the Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Reclamation, and the National Park Service pursuant to a Secretarial Order that promotes e-bike use on DOI-managed federal lands.

The Forest Service's proposed directive revisions align with the 27 States and DOI's proposed e-bike rules in adopting a standard definition for an e-bike and a three-tiered classification for e-bikes and align with DOI's proposed e-bike rules in requiring site-specific decision-making and environmental analysis at the local level to allow e-bike use. In particular, the proposed revisions would add a paragraph to Forest Service Manual (FSM) 7702 to establish promotion of e-

bike use on NFS lands as an objective; would add a cross-reference in FSM 7703.13 and 7703.14 to specific guidance on designating NFS trails and areas on NFS lands for motor vehicle use; would add definitions in FSM 7705 for "bicycle" and "e-bike," including "Class 1," "Class 2," and "Class 3 e-bike"; would revise FSM 7711.3, paragraph 6, to add a category for designating e-bike use on NFS trails; would add a paragraph to FSM 7715.03 to establish promotion of e-bike use on NFS lands as a policy; would revise FSM 7715.5 to add a criterion to consider trail management objectives in designating trails for motor vehicle use generally and to add criteria and guidance for designating e-bike use on NFS trails; and to add a paragraph in FSM 7715.72 to enhance coordination with appropriate Federal, State, and local governmental entities and Tribal governments on travel management decisions and operational practices on routes crossing multiple jurisdictions to provide continuity of recreation experiences.

After the public comment period closes, the Forest Service will consider timely comments that are within the scope of the proposed revisions to the directives in the development of the final revisions. A notice of the final revisions, including a response to timely comments, will be posted on the Forest Service's web page at <https://www.fs.fed.us/about-agency/regulations-policies>.

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## COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

### Notice of Public Meeting of the Hawaii Advisory Committee; Correction

**AGENCY:** Commission on Civil Rights.

**ACTION:** Notice; correction.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission on Civil Rights published a notice in the *Federal Register* on Friday, September 18, 2020, concerning a meeting of the Hawaii Advisory Committee. The document contained an incorrect day of the week, which now has changed to Monday the correct day of the week.

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