



USFS

FSM 7700 and 7710 E-bikes #ORMS-2619

To whom it may concern,

The proposed directives place e-MTB in the category that we see as most appropriate: motorized, but able to be separated from dirt bikes. Many trails that end up in this category will be shared with pedal bikers, and we do not foresee problems when this is applied on a case by case basis during travel planning.

Class 2 e-bikes, however, will cause a variety of inconsistencies, so the best way to manage them is alongside traditional dirt bikes. If e-bikes with throttles can be allowed by travel planning alone, there need to be additional requirements that label peak and continuous wattage as well as an indicator that makes it clear when the throttle is being used.

Although this isn't the place to make etiquette into rules, it is worth mentioning. When USFS releases this rule change, it will have a big audience. Please use this opportunity to educate riders about the right of way on the trail and how partnerships between USFS and volunteer orgs have been responsible for the creation and maintenance of a lot of trails.

Thank you for your consideration,
SWMMBA Board