

Comment requested on proposed changes to the directive listed below:

FSM 7700 – Travel Management

CHAPTER 7700 – ZERO CODE

Zero Code - Incorporates new definitions for “bicycle,” “electric bicycle (e-bike),” “Class 1 e-bike,” “Class 2 e-bike,” and “Class 3 e-bike” to facilitate designation of these three classes of e-bikes on National Forest System (NFS) trails, on NFS roads, and in areas on NFS lands.

7702 - OBJECTIVES

8. To consider emerging technologies (such as e-bikes) that are changing the way people access and recreate on NFS lands. For example, where suitable for use, e-bikes may provide new opportunities for individuals who might otherwise be prevented from experiencing an NFS trail without assistance from an electrical motor.

7703.13 - Considerations in Designating Trails for Motor Vehicle Use or OSV Use

See FSM 7715.5 and FSM 7715.6 for specific guidance to follow in designating trails for motor vehicle use.

7703.14 - Considerations in Designating Areas for Motor Vehicle Use or OSV Use

See FSM 7715.5 and FSM 7715.6 for specific guidance to follow in designating areas for motor vehicle use.

7705 - DEFINITIONS

Bicycle. A pedal-driven, solely human-powered device, with two wheels attached to a frame, one behind the other.

Electric Bicycle (E-Bike). Also referred to as an electric mountain bike (eMTB), a type of motor vehicle with two wheels attached to a frame, one behind the other, equipped with fully operable pedals and an electric motor of less than 750 watts that meets the requirements of one of the following three classes:

- a. Class 1 E-Bike. An e-bike equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and that ceases to provide assistance when the e-bike reaches the speed of 20 miles per hour.
- b. Class 2 E-Bike. An e-bike equipped with a motor that may be used exclusively to propel the e-bike and that ceases to provide assistance when the e-bike reaches the speed of 20 miles per hour.

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PROPOSED DIRECTIVE SUMMARY FOR COMMENT

c. Class 3 E-Bike. An e-bike equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and that ceases to provide assistance when the e-bike reaches the speed of 28 miles per hour.