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Re: FSM 7700 and 7710 E-bikes #ORMS-2619

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the use of electric bicycles (e-bikes) on USFS lands. It is important to be responsive and proactive in addressing new trends in outdoor recreation. The growing popularity and use of e-bikes on public lands should be managed with both resource protection and public safety in mind.

Our recommendation is that class 1 e-bikes be considered the same as non-electric (non-motorized) bicycles in terms of where they can be used, but that the use of class 2 and 3 e-bikes be limited to areas where motorized use is allowed. This recommendation reflects the current rules for e-bikes on Wyoming State Parks. Class 1 e-bikes still require cyclists to pedal and battery powered pedal assistance shuts off at 20 miles per hour.

We understand that land managers need some flexibility, however, in determining which class of e-bikes is appropriate for use in certain areas. For example, it may be appropriate for class 2 e-bikes to be allowed in specific non-motorized recreation areas so long as they are in "pedal assist" mode, like a class 1 e-bike. Again, resource protection and the safety of other recreationalists in multi-use areas should always be considered.

Thank you again for your time and consideration.

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