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Comments: Dear USFS,

Please consider this letter in your consideration of usage of bicycles in general and specifically in support of the modification of definition of bicycle as outlined in FSM 7700 and the addition of ebikes to roads and trail usage as outlined in FSM 7710.

I am an avid outdoorsman and hike or bike all over the country on a daily basis. I have mountain biked over 2,500 miles this year on an analog (non e-bike) and have ridden numerous class 1 e-bikes from modern manufacturers. These bikes have no measurable impact outside of a normal bike and as you mention, enable some folks to access our outdoor assets who otherwise would be unable.

It is awesome to see more citizens getting outside and if an e-bike can be the venue for that to happen then it is a benefit to society.

There are those who will argue that ebikes are heavier and cause more damage. that is simply not true. i'm 150 lbs and ride a 33 lb trail bike. My wife is 120 lbs and rides a 50 lb e-bike. I have more weight on the trail on my non-ebike. its a simple fact.

thank you for your consideration.