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Comments: I enthusiastically agree with the proposal to expand eBike access to the National Forests. My wife and I are 68 year-old owners of class 1 electric assist mountain bikes. We frequently ride on the Prescott, Coconino, and Kaibab National Forest roads, as well as on trails provided by the City of Prescott. The motor vehicle forest roads in our local Prescott National Forest are steep, rocky, and often churned up with loose rocks from motor vehicle use. Many are too difficult to ride on bikes without undue risk of injury. We long for the day when we can ride on the well-maintained bike/hike/horse trails that are abundant in this area.

I agree with all the proposed updates to the directives, with one exception: Section 7715.5 states that eBikes are not generally allowed on National Scenic Trails. I would like to see eBikes allowed on any National Scenic Trail segment that already allows regular bikes.

Thank you for your consideration!