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Comments: I am fully in favor of expanding access for both bicycles and e-bikes. I believe they should be treated the same in all cases. The updated 7700 and 7710 documents appear to be well balanced and thought out, but there are sections of 7710 that give land managers wide latitude to the extent that two different managers might arrive at totally opposite conclusions for the same project. Specifically, consider 7715.5 Criteria, paragraph 4b. The responsible person is asked to take into account "differences in speed" of bicycles and e-bikes. How does a person analyze this? In the case of Class 1 e-mountain bike, a skilled rider on a bicycle can equal or exceed the e-mountain bike in almost every scenario.

I am a very experienced cyclist; normal bikes and e-bikes for road, mountain, and gravel riding. I am not a policy expert, so I may be misunderstanding the policy documents. Either way, I am putting trust in the Forest Service. Contact me if I can help you in any way.