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Comments: E-bike use has increased greatly among American Citizens. As an e-bike owner, I agree that e-bikes represent a new way people may access and recreate on National Forest System (NFS)lands. E-bikes may provide opportunities for people who might otherwise not be able to experience a NFS road, trail or other area.

I recommend the NFS approve the proposed updates to FSM 7700. In particular, the acceptance of the three E-bike classes as defined in 7705 - Definitions for use on NFS trails, roads and other NFS lands. I recommend that the Forest Service approve E-bike Classes 1 & 2 for use on all NFS roads. I further recommend that the FS approve E-bike classes 1 & 2 for use on NFS trails and other NFS lands as assessed and deemed appropriate by FS management.

I further recommend the NFS approve the proposed updates to FSM 7710. I recommend that trails be managed for both bicycle and E-bike use where the effects on the trails from either are comparable and acceptable.

As both a bike and e-bike owner with thousands of miles logged, I believe that the effects on any given section of road or trail from bikes and e-bikes are essentially the same. E-bikes should be approved for use on any NFS element that is already approved for bicycles.