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I have read with great interest Proposed Directives FSM 7700 and 7710. I am 58 years old and have taken up mountain biking 4 years ago to improve my overall health and enjoy the great outdoors. I truly believe that mountain biking has minimized my need for doctors and drugs. I ride my Class 1 eMTB every day in San Diego and surrounding areas and have great insight into the climate of trail riding and riders today. I fully understand what is at stake with these new updates. You have to find the proper balance for natural environments, animals, people and machines in a way that will minimize negative impacts to all. I believe eBikes should be allowed on federal lands/trails but this access should be limited to Class 1 & 2 ebikes. I believe everyone on the trails with an eBike should only be using Class 1 bikes, but I understand there are some disabled people that could only participate if Class 2 bikes were included. There is no need for someone to be using the faster, 28 MPH assisted bike on trails. The people who are of the mindset that would desire to go faster than 20 MPH on trails are exactly the type of people that will likely abuse this privilege, anger other trail users and severely degrade public opinion toward the eBiking community.

For this reason I ask that you give serious consideration to the areas that you may allow Class 3 eBikes. I also recommend that you allow Class 1&2 Ebikes where ever non-electric bikes are allowed. Thank you for your efforts to move forward with these proposals and thank you for considering my comments.