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Comments: I am writing to express my support for changing the FSM 7700 - Travel Management

CHAPTER 7700 - ZERO CODE and FSM 7700 - TRAVEL MANAGEMENT

CHAPTER 7710 - TRAVEL PLANNING to allow Class 1 E-bikes on Forest Service and BLM trails. I am 72 and have been mountain biking for 35 years in southern Oregon, but can no longer ride the MTB trails in southern Oregon without my Class 1 E-bike, which I have had for two years. My E-bike has given me a new lease on life. I can enjoy mountain biking and ride with my kids and younger friends. There are thousands of riders just like me. We love the great outdoors and E-bikes let us continue to enjoy them. Our use on the trails has the same impact as regular mountain bikes. We have to peddle just like all cyclists, but need the boost an E-bike gives when climbing. We do not need the assist when descending so we are exactly like regular riders. In fact our use is less impactful than downhill riders who typically are shuttled to the top of runs and ride down on heavier bikes. Also the local bike shops tell me that 80% of their sales are now E-MTB bikes and they would suffer serious business losses if E-OMTBs were not allowed on Forest Service and BLM trails. We should support these local small businesses, especially with the Covid pandemic. PLEASE ALLOW THE USE OF CLASS 1 E-bikes ON FOREST SERVICE AND BLM TRAILS.