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Re: Revised Directives - Forest Service Manual 7700 Travel Management; Chapter 7700, Zero Code; Chapter 7710 Travel Planning

Dear Director,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service proposed revisions to directives to update and clarify guidance on management of electric bicycle use on National Forest System lands.

I support the Forest Service's efforts to issue new guidance to adapt to changing technologies and recreation patterns, manage electric bicycles in a clear and consistent way both internally and in coordination with fellow agencies, remove electric bicycles from the scope of rules that apply to motor vehicles, and allow for the use and enjoyment of electric bicycles by the public who are seeking connection to natural experiences nationwide.

I support distinguishing the three classes of electric bicycles to create consistency with states and other federal agencies, allowing land managers to designate electric bicycle use on non-motorized trails where bicycles are allowed, promoting the consideration of whether the effects of electric bicycle use are comparable to those of traditional bicycle use, and considering emerging technologies like electric bicycles in future access decisions.