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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity for the public to engage on FSM 7700 and 7710, which would revise Forest Service directives to update and clarify guidance on management of electric bicycle (e-bike) use on National Forest System lands.

eBikes are motorized vehicles and should be treated as such. They increase the range and numbers of individuals accessing parts of the forest that are sensitive to human intrusion. This will be an increase load on fragile ecosystems already taxed by the burgeoning human population and the stresses of climate change. Furthermore, they travel at rates of speed that are in excess of customary travel. Therefore, they should be prohibited from using trails designated as being for non-motorized use. e-bike use on roads open to motorized vehicles are the appropriate place for this form of motorized transport.