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Comments: Concerning the upcoming changes FSM 7700 and 7710 and specifically any parts about "eBikes". I'm a constant user of FS land for camping, hiking, mountain biking and rock climbing. While I support exiting with other land users who want or need "powered" devices (motorcycles, eBikes, quads), I believe it will be too short-sighted to permit these on the peaceful areas currently designated for human-powered travel. The line between a motorcycle and eBike will quickly blur or disappear as electric becomes the energy source of choice.

While I'm sure some people are annoyed by wheels and gears being allowed on these trails, at least we're all human powered and fitness limited. This binds us together in spirit at least.

Being human powered, the speeds involved by users of the land is limited by human endurance. This sets a good expectation of how fast someone will be approaching and creates a sort of natural spacing between users which is often maintained because of the energy required to overtake someone. Even with a Class 1 eBike, 20MPH is quite fast to be riding a mountain bike, and even more so over a sustained distance.

It's the opinion of this user that eBikes of all classes should not be permitted in areas which are currently off limits to motorized travel.