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Comments: I am writing to comment 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.

I have ridden mountain bikes and motorcycles on Forest Service lands for over 20 years. I have also owned e-bikes for the past 5 years. I am an avid hunter, backpacker and camper and I choose to spend most of my free time enjoying public lands.

I feel that all e-bikes should be classified as motorized vehicles, because they are indeed motorized, and therefore not be allowed on non-motorized trails.

If there is significant support to allow e-bikes on non-motorized trails, I urge you to only allow class 1 eMTBs on select non-motorized trails while retaining a trail's non-motorized status, similar to the recent Department of Interior final rule.

E-bike technology is rapidly changing and clear restrictions and guidelines need to be established. The general public does not do a good job of informing themselves about Forest Service rules, so I urge you to make the rules simple, clear and concise.

Thank you for the willingness to engage with the public.