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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the use of eMTB on USFS lands.

The proposed directives could jeopardize non-motorized trail funding and increase user conflict if non-motorized trails were to become reclassified as motorized to allow for eMTBs. And class 1 pedal assist eMTB riders who believe themselves to be mountain bikers and not dirt bikers will find confusion in the directive and what trails they are allowed to use. Instead, the final directive must reconsider how to 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. The final directive can be further improved by following the International Mountain Bicycling Association's management recommendations: managing the three classes of e-bikes separately from one another, and prohibiting class 2 and class 3 eMTBs on natural surface, non-motorized trails.

Thank you.