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Comments: Thank you for hearing my thoughts on the matter of the new rules regarding classification for eMTBS, proposed rules 7700 and 7710. I am a frequent visitor of our local trails, either on my non-assist-mountain-bike as well as hiking.

I reject the proposal to classify all eMTBs as motorized vehicles and suggest a different approach.

Classifying eMTBS as motorized vehicles will mean subsequently, trails previously reserved for non-motorized will allow motorized, which will not be limited to eMTBs. We would lose non-motorized trails and the organizations (biking, equine, and hiking) that maintain them will lose the funding to do so. This will make outdoors less accessible.

Class 1 EMTBs should be classified as non-motorized and able to share non-motorized trails with non-assisted bikes, hikers, and horse riders, however a given trail is currently designated to share. Then, these trails can prohibit use of Class 2/3 motorized vehicles, thus preserving the trails and the organizations' funding to maintain them.

Thank you for your time,

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