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Comments: With respect to the changes to 7700, I support the added sub-classification of E-Bikes as proposed (Class 1, Class 2 and Class 3) as defined provided that these individual class definition may be referenced by future rule makers and trail system managers to define rules and exemptions specific to these subclasses. I support this change ONLY if these subclasses can be individually referenced for rule making or by trail system managers as they develop policies. It is vital that rule makers and trail system manager be given the ability to write rules and policies specific to a sub-class of E-Bike and not just general for all E-bikes.

I think it is important to regular single track trail access based on the use case presented by each subclass of E-Bike. I personally believe that the core issue here is the NFS's definition of Motorized vehicle. I believe a slight change to that definition could allow for class 1 pedal assist E-MTB's to be categorized as non-motorized. This would have been my preferred solution.

As a 55 year old mountain bike rider, I use a class 1 E-MTB. I have suffered knee problems that have prevented me from riding my conventional mountain bike. But my Class 1 E-MTB has allowed me to rejoin my friends on the trails, improve my health and strength and to enjoy a regular exercise regimen. Please make these changes carefully so that I can continue to enjoy and to expand my enjoyment of the forests and trails that my tax dollars help to fund.