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Comments: Hi. Comments Regarding FSM 7700 and 7710:

E-bikes are not motorcycles! To allow class 1 e-bikes on a trail but then categorize the trail as motorized would be a HUGE disservice to the many users of non-motorized trails. Class 1 e-bikes are not at all like a motorcycle! They add only a small amount of power and only while the rider is pedaling. They do not emit the fumes that a motorcycle does, they do not make the noise that a motorcycle does, and they do not tear up and erode the trail anywhere near what a motorcycle does! There are good reasons to allow e-bikes on non-motorized trails but it would be a huge mistake to then categorize the trail as motorized. Motorcycles on otherwise non-motorized trails detract from the non-motorized experience in a VERY big way. Their noise, their speed, their fumes, and their erosion can easily ruin the experience of the non motorized user hoping to find a natural back-woods experience. An e-bike does none of these things. Again, a class 1 e-bike is a low-power, quiet, non polluting aid to the pedaling climber.

Please do not lump class 1 e-bikes in with typical motorcycles. They are two very different things. And mostly, please do not allow traditional motorcycles on otherwise non-motorized trails!

Thanks,

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Avid mountain biker who does not even own an e-bike.