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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments to your proposed new rules 7700 & 7710. As a mountain biker, it's important to me that we are careful in how we manage electric-assist mountain bikes on trails to protect the user experience of those recreating on non-motorized USFS trails.

In general, I support the use of e-bikes on USFS trails. At age 61 wonder how much longer I am going to want to pedal my growing girth up a trail before I succumb to the appeal of pedal assistance. The reward for all of my current efforts has always been the descent anyway.

That being said, I do have some serious concerns. MTB by far is the most technical sport that I have be involved and takes years to truly master. I've have had many crashes, some minor and some major; a c6-c7 fracture 2 years ago; my lower legs and elbows have too many scars to count. E-bikes will allow people who really don't have the skill level to ride into dangerous areas that they would never venture without assistance. Expect to see many more injuries and perhaps deaths.

In closing, I do support, with reservations, the use of Class 1 e-bikes being allowed on USFS multi-use trails as it will give more people the ability to recreate. Beyond that I believe we are creating serious injury problems.