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Comments: Hello and thank you for the opportunity comment on FSM 7700 and 7710 proposed updates on management of e-bike use on NFS lands.

I have been a mountain biker for the past 20 years while living in NC, SC, GA and TN and taking mountain biking specific vacations to various other states. I appreciate the technological benefits of eMTBs, but view them as a unique land and trail management challenge. I believe it is critical for land managers and local mountain bikers work together to determine where eMTBs are and are not appropriate on current and future mountain bike trails.

I am concerned that if the proposed directives for non-motorized trails to become reclassified as motorized to allow for eMTBs passes, it could increase user conflict and jeopardize funding sources specific to non-motorized trail projects used extensively by the mountain bike community.

Instead, I believe the better solution is to manage the three classes of e-bikes separately from one another - allowing class 1 eMTBs on select non-motorized trails while retaining a trail's non-motorized status and prohibiting class 2 and class 3 eMTBs on natural surface, non-motorized trails.

Thank you, again, for the willingness to engage with the mountain bike community on this very important issue.

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