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Comments: Please consider the following comments on FSM 7700 and 7710 revising Forest Service directive on management of electric bicycle use on National Forest System lands. As a non-motorized user of National Forest Land I am concerned with conflicts with motorized bicycles.

The proposed directives would increase user conflict if non-motorized trails were to become reclassified as motorized to allow for eMTBs. Instead, the final directive must reconsider how to allow class 1 eMTBs on select non-motorized trails while retaining a trail's non-motorized status, similar to the recent Department of Interior final rule. The final directive should manage the three classes of e-bikes separately from one another, and prohibiting class 2 and class 3 eMTBs on natural surface, non-motorized trails.

Please ensure that new rules do not create conflicts with existing non-motorized users.

Sincerely,

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