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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity for the public to engage on FSM 7700 and 7710, which would revise Forest Service directives to update and clarify guidance on management of electric bicycle (e-bike) use on National Forest System lands.

The mountain bike community is responsible for a large part of the natural surface trail infrastructure that exists today on our federal, state and local public lands. Hundreds of organized mountain bike clubs around the country manage thousands of volunteers who work closely with land managers on trail development, trail maintenance, and trail education for all users. Much of this work relies on funding sources specific to non-motorized trail projects.

The proposed directives could jeopardize this funding and increase user conflict if non-motorized trails were to become reclassified as motorized to allow for eMTBs. I personally am opposed to e-bikes on any mountain bike trails. I believe they should be on motorized trails and two track trails only. This is regardless of class of e-bikes, simply because it will be impossible to enforce. E-bike classes are not clear and to my knowledge, would be impossible to decipher on the trail. Not to mention educating e-bike owners on which trails their bikes would be allowed on. Most don't know which class they own. All e-bikes are motorized, all will cause user conflicts and trail destruction. If e-bike owners want to ride on single track, they need to build their own trails after getting the okay from you, the Forest service.

Please read clearly my preferences, and those of my husband and many friends and family. I appreciate this comment period and the opportunity to be heard.

Thank you for your consideration.