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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 solution I feel is very simple...First of all I am both the rider of regular mountain bikes, ebikes(pedal assist/Class 1) and horses..I am 50 years old and the ebike has allowed me to get out and truly enjoy exercising more often since knee & back pain is quite reduced on a class 1 ebike. I can assure you that class 1 ebikes and no where at all like a motocross bike in the slightest, they truly are regular bikes that reduce the high peak strain & pain of going uphill.. They are NO faster going Downhill what so ever... I would suggest that uphill speed limits be posted and enforced at 7-8mph to resolve any future conflicts.. I have long noticed when climbing(going uphill)that most on bikes s are roughly at the speed of a fit hiker.. Horses walking uphill are usually doing so at around 4-7mph.. When I ride my ebike, I average about 4-8mph when using the low assistance mode, which I feel is appropriate and everyone should be using on mixed use trails..

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.

Thank you for the willingness to engage with the mountain bike community.

Sincerely,

Bret Hembree