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Comments: Hello,

Thank you for requesting public comment on FSM 7700 and 7710, plans that I am very interested in and which would update and clarify guidance on management of e-bike use in our National Forests.

I'm very concerned that the proposal will result in non-motorized trails becoming reclassified as "motorized" to allow for eMTBs. I urge you to reconsider how to allow class 1 eMTBs on select non-motorized trails while maintaining a trail's non-motorized status. I believe this is similar to the recent Department of Interior rule. I encourage you to follow the IMBA (International Mountain Bicycling Association) management recommendations. That is, the ruling should manage the three classes of e-bikes separately from one another, and prohibit class 2 and class 3 eMTBs on any natural surface and/or non-motorized trail.

While I am not someone who owns an eMTB today, I am a regular user of the Apalachicola National Forrest on a conventional mountain bike. This forrest system is my sanctuary, a place where I feel a strong connection to the natural environment and can experience the physical embodiment of the vision and leadership that make our country so special.

Thanks again for being willing to listen.

All the best,

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