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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Forest Service's proposed regulations governing the use of electric bicycles, or e-bikes.

I support the Forest Service's efforts to dive into the issues surrounding changing technologies and recreation patterns, and how we can best accommodate all user groups on our public lands, but this should not include redefining "motorized". It is important for all recreational groups have places to practice and play, but not all places should accommodate all user groups.

One area of concern with the current revisions is that is not practical to implement them due to existing USFS resource constraints. Changing trail designations from non-moto to moto is not something I support. Even if 'moto' use is restricted just to ebikes, under a new MVUM class, it would affect grant and other funding sources and that would affect hikers and equestrians too.

I do NOT support the reclassification of Class 1 E-Bikes as non-motorized. Instead, each district/forest/ or region should go through a management process and come to an outcome that best serves the needs of their community and user group. All E-bikes, Class 1, 2 and 3 should remain and be treated as motorized vehicles.

Single track designated as non-motorized should be enjoyed by those on bicycles without motors. In my home state of Oregon, there are many opportunities for e-bike use on motorized single-track. Educating e-bike users on the places they can play would be a great use of energy and funding.

Thank you,  
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