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Comments: I am one of those people your proposed revision to 7715.03 - Policy paragraph 9 is attempting to address: "individuals who might otherwise be prevented from experiencing an NFS trail without assistance from an electrical motor." I have been an avid mountain biker for nearly two decades until I developed cardiac conditions a few years ago that now prevent me from riding my bike uphill for an extended period of time. Although I am dismayed that my health conditions now precludes epic backcountry rides deep in national forest lands, I still believe that e-mountain bikes should not be treated the same way as traditional bicycles because it does have a motor, and therefore should not be allowed on multi-use non-motorized trails. With advent of battery technology, the line between motorized bicycle and electric motorcycle is starting to blur, and speed at which emountain bike can go uphill is closer to that of motorcycle than of a bicycle powered solely by a human. Majority of trail user conflicts are caused by different user behaviors, which in good part arise from the different speed at which each type of user move on trail. From this perspective, e-bicycles rightly belong on motorized trails where e-bike's moving speed will not standout from the main user group, and should not be allowed on non-motorized trails meant for activities powered organically by living things, unless NFS is prepared to make the same accommodations to electric motorcycle riders. Personally, I would rather not see e-bikes on non-motorized trails even if that means I am no longer able to access these backcountry trails on my mountain bike due to my heart issues. I would use my own legs to walk into the national forest lands even if that means I would not be able to go as far.