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Comments: Thank for the opportunity to comment on the proposed updates to directives FSM 7700 and FSM 7710. As an avid and aging mountain bike rider who regularly enjoys riding in national forests I have a stake in the proposed updates which concern motor-assisted bicycles or e-mtbs. While I don't currently ride an emtb I know those who do and I may wind up on one in the future.

I think the USDA Forest Service should align with other agencies on emtb regulation and allow class 1 emtbs to ride the same trails as other non-motorized mtbs. Classifying class 1 emtbs as motorized vehicles would cause two problems in my opinion. Firstly, doing so would allow other much more powerful motorized vehicles to use the same trails as bicycles, creating safety concerns and user conflict. Secondly, classifying mtb trails as motorized vehicle trails would eliminate the use of Land and Water Conservation Fund dollars to maintain such trails, which are greatly needed funds. Thank you.