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Comments: I appreciate the opportunity 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 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. Many other projects rely on OHV funding specifically from motorized access trails.

For clarity in funding requests and trail maintenance planning, most organizations and myself would find more success if class 1 electric bicycles are classified as non-motorized while class 2 & 3 e-bikes are classified and registered as motorized.

It is critical that land managers and local trail groups work together to determine where eMTBs are and are not appropriate on current and future trails. This separation of the electric bicycle classes would allow this relationship to continue to flourish.

Registering class 2 and 3 e-bikes as OHV would additionally provide funding for trail projects while keeping all users satisfied.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment and engage with this policy.

Sincerely,

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