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Comments: I support the Forest Service's proposed revisions to directives regarding management of electric bicycle use on National Forest System lands (FSM 7700 and 7710 E-bikes #ORMS-2619).

Clear policies and rules for electric bicycle management will facilitate electric bicycle management, give more Americans opportunities to explore our public lands, and provide common sense solutions for pressing issues such as traffic congestion, parking, maintenance and emissions reduction.

I support these changes because:

1. Forest Service policies and laws concerning electric bicycle use on public lands are outdated and are confusing for land managers, consumers, small businesses and local governments. These changes are a step in the right direction toward resolving that confusion.
2. The proposed definitions of the three classes of electric bicycles are consistent with the types of electric bicycles people ride.
3. Modernizing the definition of electric bicycles so that they may be used much like regular bicycles will encourage the safe use of electric bicycles and ensure more sensible access.

I respectfully request one modification to the proposed changes -- that specifically Class 1 electric bicycles be removed from the definition of "motor vehicle" and considered to be a non-motorized use. Class 1 eBikes do not provide assist without the rider pedaling. The power output from the motor is minimal and does not damage the trail any more than a traditional bicycle.

Thank you for your consideration.