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Comments: I am writing in regards to 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).

I respectfully ask that electric bicycles be removed from the definition of a "motor vehicle."

My husband & I have been avid mountain bikers since we were in our 20's. We are now 49 & 52. We have 2 teens & we all live for riding. We love all kinds of mountain biking - local trails & finding the best trails on our vacations. Almost all our vacations revolve around mountain biking - we pick the places that have great riding. ie Sedona, Tahoe, Bend OR, Ashland, Santa Cruz, Palm Springs, San Diego. We bring our bikes, hit up a local bike shop & ask for the best trails, We hire guides sometimes because we want to have the best day possible.

I want nothing more than to explore a fun new trail! However, me the mom can't keep going all day on a traditional trail bike as easy as the rest of my family. I want to be out there but the 25+ mile trails in Sedona have kicked my butt! And I hold up the family who is in better shape than me. My dream is to ride an e-bike in Sedona so I can do all the trails I want to be able to do without being DEAD at the end of the day! I am a responsible caring biker. Considerate of all trail users. Don't tear up the trails, I promise you that me on an e-bike is absolutely no different than me on a regular bike, I can just have more fun coz I can keep up with my family for the day & not be completely exhausted & sore so I can do nothing the next day!

I have ridden an e-bike with my husband in many areas now around where we live & I love that we can ride them together & just explore. We crossed the Golden Gate bridge & explored down into Kirby Cove which has some steep climbs I would have struggled to get up & then down into Sausalito & I like that I could ride on the road at a faster speed than my mountain bike because I hate being on the road with cars (dangerous) & Just want to get done with the road part as fast as possible. I love being on the e-bike because I have no fear of big hills or being stuck & exhausted somewhere.

I do not see any difference between an e-bike & regular bike in where they should be allowed. I ride it the exact same other than being able to go further & easier where I want to go.

My e-bike goes nowhere without me pedaling it. It is nothing like a motor vehicle that you can just sit & give gas. You still have to work.

Please help me be able to have more fun out in the fresh air where I love to be. On a dirt trail under the sun/trees/sky. I really want to be able to retire & travel the country by RV & be able to take my e-bike & enjoy all America has to offer. How is that bad??!