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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."

I have been riding an ebike now for over 2 years. I use it for so many things- including running errands in my day-to-day life.

The bike does not go if I am not pedaling it. It provides an ASSIST. It is a bike --it is not Motorized! It is not a moped, an ATV, or a motorcycle. It does NOT belong in the motor vehicle section and should not be managed the same.

Ebikes make cycling and being outdoors moving around by bike, accessible to SO many more people- people who would not perhaps try a regular bike or mountain bike -they get people out of their cars-and even with the assist -provide exercise to the user.

Electric bicycles are ridden, and should be managed, like traditional bicycles rather than motor vehicles. E-bike riders are similar to that of regular bike riders, and in most state and federal statutes, electric bicycles are defined as bicycles, excluded from motor vehicle classifications, and generally allowed on non-motorized trails.

PLEASE do not lump them in with motor vehicles in your policies.