Comment requested on proposed changes to the directive listed below:

FSM 7700 – Travel Management

CHAPTER 7710 – TRAVEL PLANNING

7710 - Incorporates new criteria for designating Class 1, 2, and 3 e-bikes to facilitate designation of those three classes of e-bikes on National Forest System (NFS) trails, on NFS roads, and in areas on NFS lands.

7711.3 - MVUMs and OSVUMs

6. Use the following eight categories to identify classes of motor vehicles on an MVUM:

   a. Roads Open to Highway-Legal Motor Vehicles Only. These roads are open only to motor vehicles licensed under State law for general operation on all public roads within the State.

   b. Roads Open to All Motor Vehicles. These roads are open to all motor vehicles, including smaller off-highway vehicles that may not be licensed for highway use, but not OSVs or vehicles that are oversized or overweight under State traffic law.

   c. Trails Open to All Motor Vehicles, Including Both Highway-Legal and Non-Highway-Legal Vehicles.

   d. Trails Open to Motor Vehicles 50 Inches or Less in Width.

   e. Trails Open to Wheeled Motor Vehicles 50 Inches or Less in Width.

   f. Trails Open to Motorcycles Only. Sidecars are not permitted.

   g. Trails Open to E-Bikes Only. Specify the class or classes of e-bikes allowed (Class 1, 2, and/or 3).

   h. Special Vehicle Designation. This category includes any classes of vehicles that are not listed in FSM 7711.3, paragraphs 6a through 6g.

7715.03 – Policy

9. Consider emerging technologies (such as e-bikes) that are changing the way people access and recreate on NFS lands. For example, where suitable for use, e-bikes may provide new opportunities for individuals who might otherwise be prevented from experiencing an NFS trail without assistance from an electrical motor.
3. **Specific Criterion for Trails.** In addition to the general and specific criteria in FSM 7715.5, paragraphs 1 and 2, consider and document existing Trail Management Objectives (TMOs) before making designations of motor vehicle use under Subpart B or OSV use under Subpart C that would add vehicle classes on NFS trails.

4. **Specific Criteria and Guidance for Designating E-Bike Use on Trails.** In addition to the general and specific criteria in FSM 7715.5, paragraphs 1 through 3, when designating trails for e-bike use (FSM 7705), consider and document the following:

   a. Whether and the extent to which the trails are managed for bicycle use or bicycle use is allowed (FSM 7705) under the applicable TMOs.

   b. For trails that are managed for bicycle use or where bicycle use is allowed, the extent to which effects from e-bike use are comparable to effects from existing bicycle use, accounting for, as appropriate, differences in speed; potential effects from increased or concentrated use; and any site-specific considerations.

   c. Whether a programmatic environmental analysis may be feasible and more efficient due to similarities in effects of bicycle use and e-bike use.

   Consider designating a class or classes of e-bike use, as appropriate, on NFS trails managed for bicycle use or where bicycle use is allowed, where effects from e-bike use would be comparable to effects from bicycle use.

   E-bikes are not allowed on a National Scenic Trail unless a regulatory exception authorized by the National Trails System Act is met or there is an exception in the enabling legislation for the trail.

**7715.72 - Road and Trail Jurisdiction and Coordination**

8. On routes crossing multiple jurisdictions, coordinate travel management decisions and operational practices with appropriate Federal, State, county, and other local governmental entities and Tribal governments to provide continuity of recreation experiences.