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Subject: Public Comment on Proposed State Park Regulations (Docket # 2025-R-P-0017)

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Date: July 27, 2026

To: DNREC Division of Parks and Recreation

Re: Public Comment on Proposed State Park Regulations (E-Bike Rules)

Dear DNREC Regulations Team,

I am writing as an avid cyclist and a resident of Lewes to strongly oppose the proposal to allow e-bikes on state park paths. I frequently ride the paths at Cape Henlopen State Park, which were built to serve as a vital safety refuge for walkers, runners, and traditional bicyclists. Allowing motorized vehicles onto these narrow paths fundamentally compromises that safety.

I urge the Division to prohibit all classes of e-bikes from park paths based on the following critical concerns:

- **Enforcement Impracticability:** It is visually and practically impossible for park rangers to distinguish between Class 1, Class 2, Class 3, or modified, unclassified e-bikes on the move. Regulating only specific classes is an unenforceable policy.
- **The "Gateway" Effect:** Permitting Class 1 e-bikes opens a dangerous gateway. As we have already witnessed on the nearby Georgetown-Lewes Trail, a lack of strict boundaries quickly leads to the prevalent, unauthorized use of electric scooters, mini-bikes, mopeds, and even gas motorcycles.
- **Preserving Non-Motorized Spaces:** A clear line must be drawn to protect the passive, non-motorized nature of park trails. That line should explicitly prohibit all motorized vehicles, including all e-bikes, from these paths.

Thank you for your dedication to our state parks and for considering this feedback from a local cyclist who uses these paths regularly.

Sincerely,

Dan G 