

October 14, 2021

Manti-La Sal NF Supervisor's Office
599 West Price River Drive
Price, Utah, 84501

re: Conservation Alternative for Monti-La Sal NF

A family in Moab has told us that the Forest plan for the Manti-La Sal NF is being revised. We urge that the revised plan does not allow the importation of honey bee apiaries into the forest.. In our olive orchard near Davis, California it has been our experience that when apiaries are brought in to pollinate the nearby almond orchards, these imported bees outnumber and compete with the native pollinators that work the natives that border our farm. Among our native pollinators is the Western Bumblebee. This long tongued species is an essential pollination of clovers and other legumes. We are sure this bee is similar to, if not the same, species, that has been identified in the Monti-La S NF. This is one of your major native pollinators, and along with others, must be protected.

The Conservation Alternative must be fully analyzed in the summer of 2022 to assure the protection of native pollinators.

Sincerely Yours,
Lloyd and Sheila Andres



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cc. The Moab Ranger District