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Comments: This letter is complementary to the one submitted by the RMBL Executive Director, Ian Billick. He makes very good points in his letter. We especially appreciate the language supporting coordination with RMBL when constructing trails and parking areas near research sites. We are also supportive of informational signs at trail locations near research sites.

In addition, I am writing to elaborate on concerns about Option 2 for the Upper Upper to Brush Creek Trailhead. As Ian Billick pointed out, Option 1 is fine; it avoids the core part of this research site. However, Option 2 shows a flexibility zone that could potentially send the trail through the core of the research site. I'm including a map that shows the most sensitive parts of the long-term native bee research site. The central circle is where the native bees live; this is where the bee nests are located. The middle circle shows the bees primary foraging area where they most often visit wildflowers. Avoiding the central two circles is important to minimize disturbance to the bees, their food (ie, flowers) and to this research site.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.