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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on your Draft Revised Forest Plan.

The Manti-La Sal is so important to so many for a variety of reasons, and in light of increasing pressures the forest faces from a hotter, drier Colorado Plateau, the revised Forest Plan must consider climate change; conservation of wildlands, water, native plants, and wildlife; increased Indigenous influence, and better responsiveness to the public.

All of these needs can be met by the Conservation Alternative, and it must be analyzed in its full and complete form in the upcoming Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

Additionally, it's important to me that the watershed that is contained in the Manti-La Sal be maintained to be as pristine as possible. Managers ought to take a holistic viewpoint in regard to watershed health. Furthermore, the senseless clearing of the Piñon Juniper woodlands should be stopped as it greatly affects the Piñon Jay habitat. The Piñon Jay is an apex bird specie in that biome. The arbitrary allowance for commercial bee hives quartering in National Forest lands ought be stopped as they intrude on already-distressed native bee populations. Native bee populations are dramatically diverse in Utah and they should be protected. Healthy flora depend on healthy pollinators, including native bees.

Thank you for allowing citizen participation in this review.