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Comments: I love having the La Sal Mountains in my backyard. I enjoy backcountry and cross country skiing in the wintertime and hiking in the summer. I urge you to INCLUDE the CONSERVATION ALTERNATIVE in your management plan. Especially, I would love to see 1) fewer or no cows in the subalpine meadows and forests. They eat wildflowers which are essential to native bees' survival, and they bring great joy to me personally as they present a beautiful natural landscape; 2) please, do not allow honeybees to be placed in our mountains to "rest". They will outcompete the native bees which are integral to the rich landscape; 3) continue to keep motorized roads and trails few and far away from hiking trails. There must be some places where people can immerse themselves in the peace and quiet of nature, this being essential for mental and physical well-being; 4) and finally, please close the gold basin road to winter recreational motorized traffic. It would be such a pleasure if cross-country skiers could have at least some groomed trail to enjoy without it being torn up by snowmobiles and without having them roaring past as, once again, folks are trying to immerse themselves in the peace and quiet of nature. Thank you.