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Comments: I have traveled throughout the West frequently for work in the last decade and have explored national forest lands both for work and for recreation, including the Manti-La Sal NF of Utah. As a pollinator biologist, I am deeply concerned by the current plans for how the resources of Manti-La Sal NF are to be managed, namely:

1)The permission of honeybee apiaries on Manti-La Sal lands. Honeybees are domesticated livestock used for agriculture and have no place in timber and forest lands preserved as wilderness or for recreation - Manti-La Sal is home to the Western Bumble Bee, which has already been identified as a species of Conservation Concern at Manti-La Sal and would be adversely affected by honey bee apiary operations. This is in addition to the hundreds of other native bee species that are present at Manti-La Sal as part of the ecosystems there. I ask that honeybee apiaries not be permitted at Manti-La Sal NF lands.

The Conservation Alternative needs to be fully analyzed as one of several possible alternatives.