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Comments: I'm writing to urge you to include the Conservation Alternative as a part of the consideration for the new forest plan in Manti-La Sal National Forest. I understand that the introduction of apiaries can overwhelm native bees, out-compete them for wildflower pollen, and expose the local bees to diseases that proliferate in the apiaries. And if the native bees disappear, then many of the plants which they pollinate, and which are ignored by honey bees, disappear as well. The apiaries can seriously disrupt the habitat.

Please exclude apiaries from the forest and list western bumblebees as a species of conservation concern.

Thank you.